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Government funds nurses rise in full

Ministers set to agree 12.5 per cent increase

By Jill Sherman and Sheila Gunn

The Government is set to pay Britain's 500,000 nurses an extra £750million this year, an average rise of 12.5 per cent, and regional variations for nurses' pay will be introduced, Whitehall sources disclosed last night.

Ministers are confident that the recommendations, submitted to the Prime Minister this week from the independent pay review body for nurses and midwives, will be funded in full by the Treasury, to avoid any further backlash from nurses, doctors and Conservative backbenchers.

A failure to find the full sum from the £3.5 billion reserve fund would not only rekindle the health service debate at Westminster but would appear tactless while the Prime Minister's own review of the NHS was under way.

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services, is also pressing for at least another £100million on top of the award, which his officials claim is the minimum necessary to prevent health authorities running into financial difficulties this year.

The average 12.5 per cent increase would take a staff nurse's annual salary of £7,300 to £8,212. A staff nurse in London with qualifications in paediatrics and intensive care could get at least 20 per cent, a rise from £7,300 to £8,760. A newly qualified nurse, might get 4 to 5 per cent, taking her salary to £7,660.

The review body has accepted the Government's case for geographical variations in nurses' pay and it has also approved a new clinical grading structure, under which nurses with extra skills will earn more.

Specialist nurses, such as paediatric intensive care unit staff, in areas like Birmingham and London, where recruitment problems have caused bed closures, are likely to get the most generous rises.

The price exacted is a higher award than was expected but in the next two weeks the Cabinet is expected to approve extra Treasury funding of £500million to finance the full award.

Health authorities have already received 4.5 per cent, or about £250 million, to cover nurses' pay rises in this year's allocation. The total nursing pay bill is now approaching £5 billion.

The Prime Minister, who is studying the report with health ministers this weekend, will be under pressure to approve the rise and ensure that the full amount is backdated to April 1. A final decision will be taken by the full Cabinet on April 21 or 28.

In the past the Government has staged the award, effectively reducing the recommendation, or asked health authorities to contribute to the cost. Last year, health authorities had to find an additional £30 milion from their budgets, when they were already financially stretched.

The Prime Minister is also considering the Doctors' and Dentists' Pay Review Body report, which is understood to recommend much lower rises than the nurses', together with reports from the other three review bodies.

It is likely that the extra £100 million, which the Department of Health and Social Security is confident of securing from the Treasury, will be announced alongside the nurses' award later this month. Mr Moore hopes that a "bumper" package of good news for the health service will avert further criticism of the Government's handling of the service until the Prime Minister's review of the NHS is complete.

DHSS officials admit that hospital services faced a shortfall of £95 million in 1978/88 after over-committing their budgets. Despite the £75 million allocation to health authorities in December, another spate of temporary bed closures is expected unless that sum is made recurrent. Officials also argue that compensation for the full-year effect of the emergency injection should be built in.

Although the pay recommendation for nurses appears generous compared to increases of 6 per cent offered to other public sector workers such as administrative and professional Civil Servants it is believed to include wide variations in salary rises.

To allow those with extra skills in areas with recruit-

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Mr John Moore: Hoping to avert further criticism.

Face of the Naples terror suspect



Mr Junzo Okudaira, whom police are hunting in connection with the Naples bombing.

Links with 'Jackal' revealed

From Roger Boyes in Rome and Our Foreign Staff

US military personnel in Italy and Spain stayed on alert last night after the car bombing that killed five people in Naples on Thursday and the bombing early yesterday of an American-operated radio relay site at Los Santos de la Humosa, near the US Air Force base at Torrejón, Spain.

The Italian police last night were still hunting for Mr Junzo Okudaira, a member of the left-wing Japanese Red Army faction who appeared to have been acting in cahoots with or under contract to Middle Eastern terrorists. American sources said he was a close colleague of the notorious Venezuelan terrorist, "Carlos the Jackal", and was suspected of launching an unsuccessful attack against the US in Rome last year.

Mr Okudaira has a full terrorist biography dating back to 1972 when, working for a Palestinian splinter group, he helped to organize an attack on Lod Airport in Tel Aviv. Since then he has been linked with attacks on the French Embassy in the Hague (1974), the US Embassy in Kuala Lumpur (1975), and hijacking a plane in Bangladesh (1978).

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Italian intelligence experts were also considering possible links between Libya, and a second Japanese man who has been held by federal authorities in New Jersey since Tuesday after being found carrying three sophisticated bombs in his car.

A US magistrate was yesterday to decide whether bail would be set for Yu Kikumura, who is being held on federal charges of possessing a fraudulent visa and illegally possessing unregistered firearms, the explosives.

Kikumura also has ties with the Red Army, according to the Kyodo news service. It said his arrest had raised suspicions that the Red Army might be "planning attacks during the summit of leaders of advanced industrial nations on June 19 in Toronto.

Fingers have initially been pointed at Libya, since Thursday marked the second anniversary of the US bombing of Tripoli. Dr Romano Argenio of Digos, the Italian counter intelligence service, said Mr Okudaira, aged 39, was seen near the United Services Organization Club in Naples before the explosion.

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French aiming to spoil UK's Columbus bid

By Pearce Wright and Sheila Gunn

The French will attempt to sabotage a British decision to join the proposed European Columbus space programme, which will be announced next week.

The long-awaited answer from the UK Government will be given on Monday. Officials of the British National Space Centre plans to tell a special meeting of the European Space Agency that Britain wants to buy a stake in the £315 million Columbus polar-orbiting space platform.

The decision marks Britain's last chance for any involvement in the project as Monday is the deadline set by the European Space Agency.

The British officials have already been told privately by the space agency that the French representatives will use the meeting to make new proposals. Instead of a polar platform which would be built by British Aerospace — Britain's reason for re-entry into the project — the French will offer to design and build an alternative called SPOT.

The move will split the partners in the European

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Space Agency, many of whom want British involvement.

Britain's supporters will argue that the French would otherwise have a near monopoly of European space. They dominate launchers with the Ariane vehicle and they are masterminding the Hermes manned shuttle.

The French move will infuriate the British team, which fought hard to get the country back into the Columbus project against opposition from Mrs Thatcher, who believed it was too expensive.

Without the space platform and the spin off business, there would be no choice but for Britain to pull out of Columbus.

It will now be up to the European agency to approve formally Britain's application. If agreed, British Aerospace is likely to win a big contract for construction work on the platform, which will be part of the giant £2.8 billion American space station to be launched in the late 1990s.

If Britain's involvement goes ahead, the announcement is also expected to be coupled with a final answer to the Canadians stating that the Government has ruled out a contribution to the Radarsat earth observation satellite.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Minister for Trade and Industry, told the 13-member space agency in November and again in February that the Government did not want a stake in Columbus as then drawn up.

Mr Clarke's change of mind came after discussions with British Aerospace and other

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Iran link to hijack stalemate

By Our Foreign Staff

Kuwait's official news agency yesterday directly linked Iran for the first time to the hijacking of the Kuwaiti airliner now at Algiers.

The agency, in an urgent despatch from Algiers, said that some of the hijackers were believed to be waiting for instructions from Iran before proceeding with talks to free the estimated 31 hostages they still hold.

Kuwait has a crisis team at Algiers airport negotiating with the hijackers through Algerian mediators.

The agency also said that "a split has occurred in the ranks of the hijackers", since the plane was seized on April 5, concerning the nature of the Algiers negotiations.

"The position of the hijackers who are believed to have boarded the Kuwaiti plane in Mashhad and joined the rest of the group has hardened

"They are believed to be awaiting instructions from outside, and particularly Iran, to decide what to do over the stalemate which has occurred in the negotiations," the agency said.

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Benefit spread through the regions

Unemployment falls again

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Unemployment fell in March for the 20th month in succession, with the total out of work down by 73,348 to 2,592,121, or 9.3 per cent of the working population.

Seasonally-adjusted and excluding school leavers, the fall was about 27,800 to 2.5 million, the smallest since last April.

The average monthly fall during the first quarter this year was 36,400 compared with 52,800 and 50,000 in each of the two previous quarters.

The numbers out of work fell in every region. But the number of job vacancies at Jobcentres fell for the fourth month running, though the total is still higher than a year ago at a seasonally-adjusted 245,500.

Jobs were created at a rapid rate last year with an increase in the final quarter of 146,000 and 504,000 for the year. About half were full-time and half part-time.

The fall in unemployment last year occurred in spite of a rapid increase in the civilian labour force of 426,000, more than four times the increase of the previous year.

This year there is expected to be another increase of about 377,000, but next year the increase is expected to be less than half of that.

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The number of working days lost in disputes jumped to 660,000 in February reflecting the strikes at Ford, British Coal, the ferries and the Health Service. But the total lost in the past 12 months, at 2.47 million, is lower than the 3.27 million lost in the previous 12 months.

Other figures released yesterday showed a rise in inflation and a fall in production. The consumer price index rose 0.4 per cent in March, a higher figure than expected, taking the inflation rate up from 3.3 per cent to 3.5 per cent.

Industrial production dropped sharply in February with manufacturing down by 3 per cent but there is little sign of a slowdown in earnings where the underlying rate of increase in February was unchanged at 8½ per cent.

Markets were steadier yesterday after Thursday's turmoil in the wake of the unexpectedly bad US trade figures. Further central bank intervention kept the dollar stable but the pound surged again, closing in London more than a cent up at $1.8880. The effective sterling rate was 78.3, up 0.4.

On the stock market share prices dropped at the opening, with the FT-SE index starting the day 24 points down.

Rangers pair fined for fracas on pitch

By Kerry Gill

Two international footballers were last night found guilty of conducting themselves in a disorderly manner and committing a breach of the peace at the Rangers-Celtic match at Ibrox Stadium last October.

Terry Butcher, aged 29, the Rangers captain and an England international, was fined £250, and Chris Woods, aged 28, the Rangers goalkeeper, was fined £500 by Sheriff Archibald McKay at Glasgow Sheriff Court.

The four-day trial was seen as a test case of violence on the football pitch.

Two other players involved in a goalmouth fracas on October 17 during the "Old Firm" match were cleared. Frank McAvennie, aged 28, the Celtic striker, was found not guilty and the case against Graham Roberts, aged 28, the Rangers defender, was found not proven.

All four players had denied the charges.

Fining Butcher and Woods, Sheriff McKay said: "Scotland enjoys in general an international reputation for sportsmanship and fair play. Conduct such as this puts such a reputation in jeopardy."

Mr Len Murray, the Rangers solicitor, said the convicted players would appeal.

Sheriff McKay said that in spite of the alarming behaviour on the field during the 17th minute the crowd had been relatively restrained. The partisan crowds could have been transformed into a mob.

A Scottish Television video recording was used during the trial to show the brawling on the field and trouble in the 43,000 crowd.

Supporters clambered on to fences and threw missiles.

Rangers Football Club refused to make any comment.

Beauty parade and mini-skirts in Gorky Park

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

Undeterred by the expected wrath of Western feminists, the Soviet authorities last night launched the first beauty contest ever held in Moscow, the start of a process which is eventually expected to lead to the first Soviet entrant for the Miss World contest.

More than 500 women have entered for "Moscow Beauty 88" which is being run along Western lines, complete with sponsors, including a West German fashion magazine and a swimsuit parade. The June final will be judged by a predominantly male panel of Soviet personalities.

The decision to stage such a contest is directly attributed by the organizers to Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's reform drive and to the Kremlin's attempt to update the dowdy image of Soviet women, a process started by Mrs Raisa Gorbachov's high-profile trips to the West.

The chairman of the organizers, Mr Gennady Demichesky, told *The Times*: "The main organizational problem, which held everything up, was simply to make people believe that such a contest could take place in Moscow. Once we had succeeded with that, everything went smoothly."

As the first contestants took the stage in a seedy conference hall overlooking Gorky Park, it was clear there is no lack of enthusiasm. More than 500 women between the ages of 17 and 27 have already filled in entry forms and hundreds more are expected to arrive as the nightly heats take place.

"All the Soviet women's groups are fully behind this contest. We have not had a single objection and none of the opposition we have read about from feminists in the West," explained Miss Marina Barusnikova, another member of the organizing committee. "This is causing a lot of excitement. A nationwide contest will be held later in the year."

Some of the first contestants wore provocative, tight-fitting black leather mini-skirts and others demure dresses which their mothers had made for them. As well as striking looks, there were some formidable academic qualifications on display and some refreshing answers to questions as banal any of those put by a compère in the Albert Hall.

The competitors, some of whom were asked to sing and others to parade under arc lights to old Simon and Garfunkel tunes played on tinny disco equipment, will have to attend a fancy-dress ball in the second round of the competition and then step into swimsuits for the final, which will be held in Moscow's Luzhniki Stadium.

First prize in the Moscow contest will include a fur and an all-expenses trip abroad.

Hong Kong (AFP) — China is to hold its first contest for television and advertising models in May, with more than 5,300 contestants. It is sponsored by the Guangdong TV station.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Kenneth Williams is found dead

Kenneth Williams, the star of Carry On films who made his name on Tony Hancock's radio comedies, was found dead at his London home yesterday. He was 62.

Mr Michael Anderson, the actor's agent, said that it was believed he had died of natural causes. On Thursday Mr Williams had been told that he would need emergency surgery for a gastric ulcer. Kenneth Williams appeared in 22 Carry On films; on radio he was an unstoppable winner of *Just A Minute*; and he was a chat show regular for 20 years.

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Town's 'spy' cameras

West Midlands police have been given approval for a scheme to install four surveillance video cameras in Wolverhampton town centre. The £40,000 project, approved by Wolverhampton City Council, is believed to be the first of its kind in Britain. Pictures will be relayed 24 hours a day to the town's main police station. The cameras were requested by police chiefs who wanted early warning of outbreaks of trouble involving gangs of youths. The Black Community Action Group said the cameras would be "a further erosion of civil liberties in our town".

Four on drug charges

Four men arrested during police raids on a drinking club in Clapton, north-east London, were allowed bail by magistrates at Highbury, north London, yesterday. They were Errol Codling, of Darenth Road, Stoke Newington, north-east London, accused of possessing cocaine and cannabis with intent to supply; Lincoln Mullings, of Thesiger Road, Penge, south London, accused of possessing cannabis with intent to supply; Winston Thompson, of Maury Road, Stoke Newington, accused of possessing and supplying cocaine; and Romeo Valentino, of Culverden Road, Balham, south London, accused of supplying and possessing cannabis.

Seven held over PC

Detectives were yesterday questioning seven people after PC Frank Mason, aged 27, was shot dead on Thursday as he tried to intervene during a bank robbery in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire. Police denied reports that the robbery was witnessed by detectives or that the gang were under surveillance at the time. Armed robbers struck again on the outskirts of the town yesterday when a gang ambushed a security van, but failed to take any cash. The guards were bundled into a van and left unharmed at Kings Langley, Buckinghamshire.

Killer shoots himself

The divorced mother of three teenage girls was shot dead by her boy friend yesterday before he killed himself. The girls fled from their home in Gaveston Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, after Bob Todd, aged 30, fired a 12-bore shotgun as he argued with Sonia Hazeltone, a computer operator. One daughter telephoned for the police from a neighbour's house but then two more shots were heard. Marksmen surrounded the property and after two hours broke in to find the bodies in a locked bedroom. Police investigating the incident last night were treating it as a murder and suicide.

Passport concession

Eight countries are to allow British visitors to use out-of-date passports to beat a backlog of new applications. The Home Office is seeking similar agreements with other countries. There is a delay of 56 working days at the London passport office at Petty France for a postal application. The eight countries will treat as valid passports which have expired within the past five years. The US will accept out-of-date passports until June 15. The agreements will run until September 30 for Hong Kong, Antigua and Bahamas, Belgium, Luxembourg, The Netherlands and Yugoslavia.

Aids threat to stores

An unemployed man yesterday admitted attempting to blackmail Sainsburys by threatening to contaminate the supermarket company's meat products with the Aids virus. Mr Justice Rougier adjourned the case at the Central Criminal Court, saying he needed further reports on Arthur Adams, of Axminster Close, Hull, Humberside, in view of the "unusual and grave" circumstances of the case. Mr Adams admitted making an unwarranted demand with menaces for £75,000. He was remanded on unconditional bail for six weeks.

Hurd to launch crackdown on charity fraud

By Sheila Gunn and David Sapsted

Tough policing powers to control the £12.6 billion a year charity business will be proposed early next year in a government White Paper.

It will suggest giving the Charity Commission more authority to deal with fraud and subject Britain's 157,000 registered charities to much tighter scrutiny.

The proposals are likely to include new rules requiring annual accounts from all charities and to debar certain people, such as discharged bankrupts and those with a criminal record, from controlling charitable funds.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, plans to introduce a Bill later this Parliament – the first reform of charity law for 27 years –when he has decided how much control to impose.

The move is the culmination of months of unremitting criticism of the commission. The Commons public accounts committee accused it last February of failing to protect the public from the risk of "fraud, abuse and maladministration".

Mr Hurd hopes to achieve a balance, retaining public confidence in charities while not creating an expensive and bureaucratic monster to oversee their work.

The White Paper is expected to echo many of the recommendations of Sir Philip Woodfield's scrutiny, *The Supervision of Charities*, published last summer.

The scrutiny, and numerous other reports, said that the growing charity industry is rife with fraud because of the limited powers and capacity of the Charity Commission.

Steps are already under way within the commission to computerize records and devote more time to investigating fraud. But many of the recommendations of the scrutiny will need legislation.

It is understood the Government will want the charities to pay fees to finance the strengthened commission, which will bring protests from charities wanting to guarantee that most of their donations go to the needy rather than on administration.

All charities with an income of more than £1,000 a year are likely to be required to register with the commission so that their accounts and activities can be properly watched.

It admitted last year that thousands of charities were refusing to submit their accounts for scrutiny, as they are obliged to under law, and it has disclosed that only 13 of its 330 staff in London and Liverpool are engaged in investigative work.

Criticism of the commission heightened earlier this year. Sir Patrick Mayhew, Attorney General, announced the Government was dropping its appeal against the commission's decision not to remove the Moonies' charitable status because of limitations on the commission's legal powers.

It was also disclosed that the commissioners had granted charitable status to a left-wing bookshop in Wood Green, north London, allegedly selling children's books encouraging homosexuality and anarchy.

The Public accounts committee accused the commission of a widespread failure to control charity fraud. It said the commission was "too complacent" about tackling fraud; said the register of charities was out of date and unreliable; and rejected the commission's long-standing complaint that these and other failings were caused by a lack of resources.

Sir Philip Woodfield's report to the Government last year recommended that the commission's role be changed to give it powers to act as a supervisor, particularly when it came to enforcing the submission of accounts.

His proposals came after the National Audit Office reported that the work of Scotland Yard's charity fraud squad was being hampered by the commission's unreliable or non-existent records. "The poor level of submission of charity accounts and limited scrutiny undermine effective monitoring and control", the office said.

Charities, 4,000 new ones registering each year, get tax benefits estimated at £2.5 billion a year and the Inland Revenue has put the amount of fraud at £100 million annually.

British companies fight French for nuclear subs deal

By Peter Davenport

Senior officials of 20 British companies begin an intensive sales drive in Canada today to try to beat the French to a £3 billion nuclear submarine deal.

They have formed a consortium, headed by Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering Ltd (VSEL), to persuade Canadian politicians and industrialists to come down in favour of the British Trafalgar class vessel, the latest of which, HMS Talent, was launched yesterday.

At stake is the largest export contract on offer for nuclear-powered submarines.

Twenty-four representatives of the Trafalgar Consortium, which includes Rolls-Royce, GEC and other leading British companies, fly to Toronto today.

On Monday they begin the first of their meetings which will take them to 10 provinces for negotiations with provincial prime ministers in Canada. They are also to meet leading industrialists and trade unionists over the next two weeks.

Under Canadian law, every provincial prime minister has an equal vote on government decisions and there is a requirement in law for all big industrial contracts to take into account regional development.

The British delegation hopes to convince the Canadians that the decision to choose the Trafalgar class submarine will mean a valuable transfer of technology, thousands of new jobs in Canadian high-tech companies as well as in shipbuilding.

Under the proposal, the first boat would be built at the VSEL yard at Barrow-in-Furness in Cumbria with a high degree of Canadian involvement. The rest – and there could be up to a total of 12 – would be built under licence in Canada with British assistance.

Negotiations between Canada, the UK and France have been going on for about two and a half years. Initially, the Canadian navy merely wanted to replace its existing small fleet of diesel-electric powered submarines with similar vessels.

A year ago, however, after a wide-ranging defence review and a desire to expand its maritime role in protecting Nato's northern flank, the Canadian navy decided to go for nuclear-powered vessels instead, which could operate under the thick Arctic ice-pack where Soviet submarines are known to patrol.

In November HMS Torbay, the last Trafalgar class boat to go into service with the Royal Navy, visited Halifax, Nova Scotia, and took senior Canadian officials and naval personnel to sea on trials. They were said to have been highly impressed and there are already Canadian officers serving on similar vessels in the Royal Navy.

The French are offering a variation of their Rubin-class submarine, called Amethyste. Although they are keeping their costs secret they are understood to be claiming that theirs is a a cheaper package.

However officials at VSEL pointed out yesterday that without extensive modification the French vessel did not possess the vital ice-breaking capacity and that it was also 55 feet shorter than Canadian specifications.

The British team touring Canada will be headed by Mr Frank Noah, VSEL's commercial director, and Mr Jack Daniel, its Canadian project director.

Canadian industrialists and their naval attaché in London were present at yesterday's launch ceremony performed by the Princess Royal.

The ceremony went smoothly and was gratefully welcomed by VSEL officials who are still smarting from revelations earlier in the week that they had managed to somehow weld on a section of HMS Talent's sister ship, HMS Triumph, upside down.

Dr Rodney Leach, VSEL's chief executive and managing director, said that the company had received repeated, high-level requests from France for assistance in applying its construction methods to their nuclear submarine building programme.

He said that the British bid for the Canadian contract was fully backed by the Government and the Ministry of Defence and he hoped too that the Commonwealth link would be in their favour.

The consortium was convinced of the quality of the product it was offering the Canadians, and Dr Leach said he was "persistently hopeful" of securing the contract.

A decision by Canada is expected in June or July.

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Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, yesterday with a graph showing the twenty successive monthly falls in unemployment (Photograph: Alan Weller).

Assembly line workers at Jaguar defy union

By Craig Seton

A section of the 4,000 assembly line workforce at Jaguar yesterday staged a last-minute rebellion against a revised productivity offer that the company hoped would end the threat of a strike next week.

The leaders of up to 800 assembly line staff at the Browns Lane plant in Coventry defied union leaders to insist that their vote in a ballot on the new offer should be counted separately from the rest of the workforce.

Union sources said that men on two production lines feared they would bear the brunt of the company's plans to meet worldwide demand for Jaguar cars by increasing output by 92 cars a week. They wanted a separate opportunity to vote, although their votes would still be included in the plant-wide ballot result.

P&O may sell all its Dover car ferries

By Tim Jones

P&O European Ferries has plans to sell its entire fleet operating out of Dover unless it can bring to a quick end its 10-week dispute with the National Union of Seamen.

The other option being considered by the company, which is now facing the loss of its lucrative summer trade, is to court the prospect of angry mass picketing by recruiting non-union labour.

Some union members have said they would rather see the company pull out than accept "the imposition of nineteenth-century totalitarian conditions".

The company yesterday accused the union of "failing to represent the best interests of its members" and wrote directly to the 1,900 striking workforce, giving them until Wednesday evening to accept new proposals. Mr Graeme Dunlop, managing director of the ferry company, said the deadline would not be extended nor terms improved.

Under the new proposals, crews will be paid between £11,300 and £17,400 a year. According to the company, when profit sharing is included, most ratings could expect to earn more.

Putting the crews on a salary structure would eliminate overtime payments and end long-established practices such as the so-called "double-bubble" overtime payments which enable crew members considerably to increase their take-home pay.

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Soviet player resigns after Nunn whirlwind

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

A brilliant win by Dr John Nunn, of England, over the former world champion, Mikhail Tal, was the highlight of round 11 of the Swift World Chess Cup in Brussels.

Nunn launched a whirlwind attack, pinning down his Soviet opponent's King.

With a string of sacrifices, Nunn forced Tal to resign.

Results of round 11: Belyavsky beat Winants; Timman lost to Portisch; Nunn beat Tal; Sokolov drew with Nogueiras; Ljubojevic adjourned against Salov; Speelman drew with Andersson; Nikolic drew with Karpov; Korchnoi lost to Sax.

Leading scores after round 11 are: A Karpov (USSR) 7½ points out of 11; A Belyavsky (USSR) 7 out of 10; L Portisch (Hungary) 6½ out of 10; V Salov (USSR) 6 out of 10 plus one adjourned game; J Nunn (England) 6 out of 10; J Speelman (England) 5½ out of 10.

The moves of Nunn, playing white, against Tal were:

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Whips confident poll tax vote is safe

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Three Cabinet Ministers attempted to discredit the "Mates amendment" for toning down the poll tax proposals last night, although the Government is now confident of surviving a rebellion by Conservative MPs.

Government Whips believe the last minute concession granted by Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, which makes one million more people eligible for rebate, will win them the crucial vote on Monday in the Commons.

A senior Government source predicted that between 20 and 30 Conservative MPs will still revolt and support Mr Michael Mates's amendment for a banded community charge. But this would give the Government a reasonable majority of around the same number.

Mr Mates and his colleagues who co-signed his amendment remained determined yesterday to press ahead, arguing that their proposals would mitigate the worst aspects of the reform.

However, some former supporters of the amendment have admitted Mr Ridley's concession has satisified them. Mr Harry Bellingham, Conservative MP for North West Norfolk, said: "The time has now come to call it a day and support the Government".

Mr John Major, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, condemned the banded community charge proposal, relating the poll tax to people's ability to pay, as creating a "deeper poverty trap than ever before."

Speaking in Peterborough last night, he said the proposal had "deep and damaging flaws that would introduce a whole range of unfairnesses and anomalies that could not be defended."

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, and Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Transport, also made speeches last night warning of the anomalies of the banded community charge.

Mr Hurd told his constituency association in Witney, Oxford that banding would bring all the disadvantages of a local income tax.

"It would also create a whole new series of arbitrary earnings traps. A pay rise of £1 a year could take someone into a new community charge band and mean an extra bill of as much as £1,000 a year."

Mr Channon said allegations that the community charge did not recognize people's ability to pay were "simply not true".

● Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, urged people to "snarl up" administration of the poll tax by refusing to fill in forms.

Union chiefs support Kinnock leadership

By Roland Rudd

The Labour leadership received an important boost yesterday when leaders of Britain's third-largest trade union, the GMB general union, formally endorsed Mr Neil Kinnock and Mr Roy Hattersley for the leadership and deputy-leadership of the party.

The GMB executive, which wields a block vote of 650,000 at the Labour conference, will recommend support for the present leadership.

Mr John Edmonds, general secretary, said: "The combined effects of the Budget, the poll tax, cuts in social security and the National Health Service will be devastating".

His comments were echoed by Mr Alan Tuffin, general secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, who said yesterday: "The election is a shocking waste of Labour Party finances at a time when every penny should be spent on campaigning against the Government."

● Miss Marjorie Mowlam, MP for Redcar, and Mr Paul Flynn, MP for Newport West, have been appointed to the Labour party's teams led by Mr Kevin McNamara and Mr Alan Williams in Northern Ireland and Welsh affairs respectively.

BP explains workings of petrol name game

By David Sapsted

British Petroleum yesterday tried to explain to staff at 2,000 BP petrol stations why two thirds of the brands they sell actually comes from Shell, Esso, Texaco or Mobil.

The move followed last week's admissions by the country's oil companies, giving evidence to the Commons select committee on trade and industry, that they swapped huge volumes of fuel.

BP Oil produced 3,000 leaflets for forecourt attendants so that they could explain to drivers why the fuel they were buying probably came from somebody else's refinery.

Called *Exchanges...The Great Petrol Name Game*, the pamphlet sets out how exchanges save the customer at least £50 million a year.

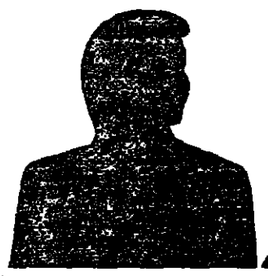
BP said: "The leaflet will enable our staff to explain the advantages of exchanges which have, after all, been a fundamental part of the oil industry for at least 40 years."

It was far cheaper to buy standard fuel in the South-east from one of the other large companies than to transport it from BP's own refinery, in

But if BP might turn out to be Shell, or Shell turn out to be Texaco, then why do the oil companies spend millions on advertising each year trying to establish brand loyalties?

BP said: "Fuel is only one part of the service we offer. We are currently spending hundreds of thousands of pounds improving our petrol stations."

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Policeman arrested during inquiry into car park axe killing

By Michael Horsnell

A police officer who was arrested during an investigation into the murder of a private detective had earlier spent four days on the inquiry team.

In that time he had taken a statement from a friend of his, the partner of the murdered man, who was also suspected by police of playing a part in the killing. He was also said to have made a "glaring error" about the movements of the suspect.

Det Supt Douglas Campbell, the officer leading the murder inquiry, told an inquest yesterday that the officer, Detective Sergeant Sidney Fillery, was taken off the squad but may have hampered inquiries during the early stages.

The story of the police investigation into the murder of Daniel Morgan, a private detective, who was found with an axe embedded in his skull last year, was told on the fifth day of an inquest at Southwark coroner's court, south London.

The jury has been told that Mr John Rees, aged 32, the dead man's partner, was arrested by murder squad detectives but released without charge. He will give evidence next week.

The inquest has heard an allegation that Mr Rees, aged 32, boasted of making arrangements with police contacts to have Mr Morgan, aged 37, murdered.

Det Sergeant Fillery, who left the police force last month and now works with Mr Rees at Southern Investigations, where Mr Morgan was Mr Rees's partner, was one of three officers arrested by murder squad detectives but later released.

The jury has been told that the three policemen "moonlighted" for Mr Rees on a security contract with a firm of car auctioneers. Mr Rees was allegedly robbed of £18,000 while carrying the firm's takings.

Mr Campbell said: "It might have been that Det Sergeant Fillery could have kept Mr Rees abreast of the investigation. I thought he was too close to John Rees and four days after the murder I called him in. But he said he felt he was too close and felt he was losing a relationship with a friend."

The murder inquiry had ruled out the possibility of a gangland killing, he added.

Mr Julian Nutter, representing Mr Rees, asked whether some of the men named during the inquest had gangland connections. Mr Campbell agreed they had.

Detectives had also examined a suggestion that Mr Morgan had uncovered allegations of police corruption which he intended to sell to a newspaper, he said.

"It was ludicrous, but he was alleged to have been offered £250,000 for the story. We looked in all directions to try and substantiate it, but couldn't," Mr Campbell said.

Later, the brother of the murdered man accused Mr Rees of being party to the murder.

Mr Alistair Morgan told the inquest that his "gut reaction" to circumstantial evidence implicated Mr Rees, his brother's partner at Southern Investigations, a detective agency in south London.

Mr Morgan said: "To be blunt, I believe that the conversations I had with John Rees indicate certain things. I believe he was guilty of being party to it."

He alleged that Mr Rees claimed Daniel Morgan was interested only in women and that a jealous husband was responsible for the killing in the car park of the Golden Lion pub, Sydenham, south-east London, in March last year.

Mr Morgan also accused Mr Rees of making derogatory remarks about the character of detectives investigating the killing.

Mr Campbell told the jury of five telephone calls made or received by Mr Rees in his car in the 20-minute period after he left the Golden Lion where he had had a meeting with his partner immediately before the murder.

One incoming call, the origin of which police were unable to confirm, lasted 12 minutes and was made, according to an alleged statement by Mr Rees, by his wife.

But, Mr Campbell said, when police questioned Mr Rees's wife, Sharon, later about telephone calls between her and her husband, she made no mention of it.

Sir Montague Levine, the coroner, has ordered the arrest of Mrs Rees after she failed to attend to give evidence.

The inquest resumes on Monday.

A giggle of clowns swamps the seaside



Clopette and Cloppa, (Kriz Middleton, aged 20, and Jeremy Dallyn, aged 27), at Bognor Regis (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

By Ronald Faux

"Clowning", the great late Albertini once declared, "is an extremely serious business". His words will echo around Bognor Regis during the next two days when more than 200 clowns from Britain, the Continent and the United States put on their motley baggy trousers and extraordinary boots and demonstrate to one another the latest tricks of their ancient trade.

The fourth International Clowns' Convention (the collective name is a giggle but 200 amount to an uproar) opened yesterday with the aficionados of the well-judged custard pie, the strategically placed banana skin and the nicely aimed bag of flour in excellent heart.

Clowning, according to Leon of the red nose, ginger wig and vast flat feet, has rarely enjoyed such popularity. "I think audiences have grown tired of static comedians of the stand-up variety. They want to see a bit of action and by heavens we give it to them." Leon's specialty is pyrotechnics, in particular a car that glows up into a heap of smoking component parts. Perzo, a sad-faced individual, follows the same line of humour with a set of exploding bagpipes. He is working on a musical routine involving a microphone which develops a will of its own. "It's quite high-tech, has some sophisticated radio control devices and tremendous explosions. Even so the old jokes with the dry water bucket and unbreakable eggs probably get just as many laughs."

A Swedish clown on his way from the airport telephoned the convention headquarters to say that he was lost. "Where are you?" the organizer asked. "That's what I'm phoning you to find out."

What turns people into clowns, according to Leon, is a badly concealed streak of anarchy lying too close to the surface of someone's nature. "Only a quarter of our members are full time; the rest come from some surprising walks of life. We've got a funeral director, an assistant prison governor, a fireman, two policemen, several Civil Servants and a vicar. They are all anarchists under the skin. They want to badger bureaucracy".

Between entertainments at the convention the clowns will discuss their stagecraft. There will be symposia on how to crash bodily to the ground without breaking anything, how to make routines even more comic and different styles of humour.

It is not all mechanically created laughter. "You have to stay very light on your feet, mentally agile like those great clowns the Crazy Gang. A lot of the best moments are ad lib. There's a thin line between making people laugh and feeling embarrassed", one red-nosed specialist of the spoken joke said.

Portfolio PLUS NEW Accumulator

Mr John Rainsford last night toasted his second Portfolio competition windfall with his favourite claret and set himself a target of a third win.

"There is nothing quite like perseverance. Other people, I understand, have won three times. Why shouldn't I?" he said.

Mr Rainsford, aged 57, a retired insurance company exective, of Beam End, Chilsworthy Beam, Cornwall, won £4,000 as a daily winner. His previous shared win brought him £1,000.

King's Cross paint 'cleared'

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

A special ceiling paint, which had been suspected of being a significant factor in the rapid spread of the fire at King's Cross Underground station last November, was provisionally cleared of responsibility yesterday.

Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, who is conducting the inquiry into the disaster which killed 31 people, spoke of the "finger of blame" which had been pointing at the manufacturers of the paint.

He said he had reached "the clear conclusion" that the paint on the ceiling of the escalator shaft was not a substantial cause of the flashover which sent flames shooting from the escalator shaft to the ticket hall.

Mr Fennell emphasized that his conclusion was provisional, pending the final inquiry report.

The paint, a coating system called B2, was manufactured exclusively for London Regional Transport by Prodorite, a company based at Wednesbury, West Midlands. It has been used in about a dozen central London Underground stations.

One of the tasks of scientists investigating the fire was to establish why it was that the fire should have moved from the Piccadilly Line escalator shaft, where it started, into the ticket hall, with such rapidity.

Two scientists consulted by London Underground told the inquiry they believed the paint was a substantial cause. But London Regional Transport said it did not put forward that view as representing corporate opinion.

Other scientific evidence from a team led by Mr Keith Moodie, of the Health and Safety Executive's explosion and flame laboratory, suggested the paint had played a subsidiary role in the spread of the fire.

Mr Fennell said "rumours started and suggestions began to be made" soon after the fire that paint had been responsible in some way.

He accepted it was a cardinal principle that those to whom the finger of blame had been pointed should be acquitted as soon as possible, "consistent with proper and not hurried judgement".

The inquiry continues.

Solicitor 'knew of cash theft'

A solicitor admitted to detectives that he used large sums of cash from the £26 million Brink's Mat robbery to buy property, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Michael Relton, aged 48, allegedly told police that he realized the money — including £2.3 million in a Swiss account — must have come from the sale of the bullion as it was too much to be accounted for as undeclared tax.

In another interview Mr Relton withdrew his admission, Mr Nicholas Purnell, for the prosecution, said.

In a further interview, in the presence of his solicitor, Mr Relton allegedly told police he realized he was involved with Brink's Mat money.

He described forming companies and cashing in on what he described as "boom time" in London docklands property.

Mr Relton, of Carlisle Place, Westminster, central London, is on trial with eight others accused of conspiracy to handle stolen goods. All deny the charges.

The trial continues.

Pollution and diet 'are key to illness'

By John Young

More attention to illnesses caused by what people eat and where they live and work would end the crisis in the health service and save billions of pounds, it was said yesterday.

The Environmental Medicine Foundation, which was established in January 1985 to promote and encourage research into the effects of the environment on health, announced the endowment of the world's first professorial chair in the subject, based at the Roben's Institute, at the University of Surrey.

The first incumbent will be Dr William Rea, a leading American surgeon and a pioneer in cardiac bypass and heart transplant surgery, who is at present Director of the Dallas Environmental Control Unit, and Chief of Surgery at the Brookhaven Medical Centre.

The Foundation claims that many illnesses such as arthritis, migraine, asthma, eczema, rhinitis, irritable bowel syndrome, hyper-activity and behaviour disorders can be attributed to environmental factors. They include chemical pollution, electromagnetic fields from high frequency cables, computer visual display units, and allergies to pesticides, plastics, dust and pollen, bacteria, parasites, fungi and foods.

The object of environmental medicine is to study the impact of these factors on human health.

Growing evidence has emerged of widespread food and chemical sensitivity, allergy and the so-called "sick building syndrome", but research to date has been very limited. Dr Rea said yesterday that almost everyone was born with one or more genetic defects, which were triggered by environmental factors. In the polluted technological environment in which we lived, those factors were becoming increasingly difficult to avoid.

The main sources of environmentally induced diseases lay in the air we breathed and the food and drink we consumed, but pollution could also be absorbed through skin contact.

Consumer spending

Boom in luxuries predicted

By Rosemary Unsworth, Retail Affairs Correspondent

Holiday companies, car manufacturers, luxury goods retailers and the housing market are the most likely beneficiaries of the boost in consumer spending triggered by Budget tax cuts and the fall in mortgage interest rates.

The increase in spending power has been strengthened by the recent fall of 0.5 per cent in the mortgage rate.

Britain's economists believe that much of the extra cash will be chanelled into housing and the luxury end of the retail sector. Since 1980 Britons have become a nation of spenders rather than savers because of capital gains in the housing and stock markets.

Consumer credit is already at record levels, at more than £400 per person, and real incomes are expected to rise by about 3 per cent this year — all indicators of the nation's increased spending capacity.

Mr Peter Spencer, of Credit Saisse First Boston, said: "The outlook for consumer spending depends critically on the housing market. Another strong surge in house prices this year would stimulate the growth in spending."

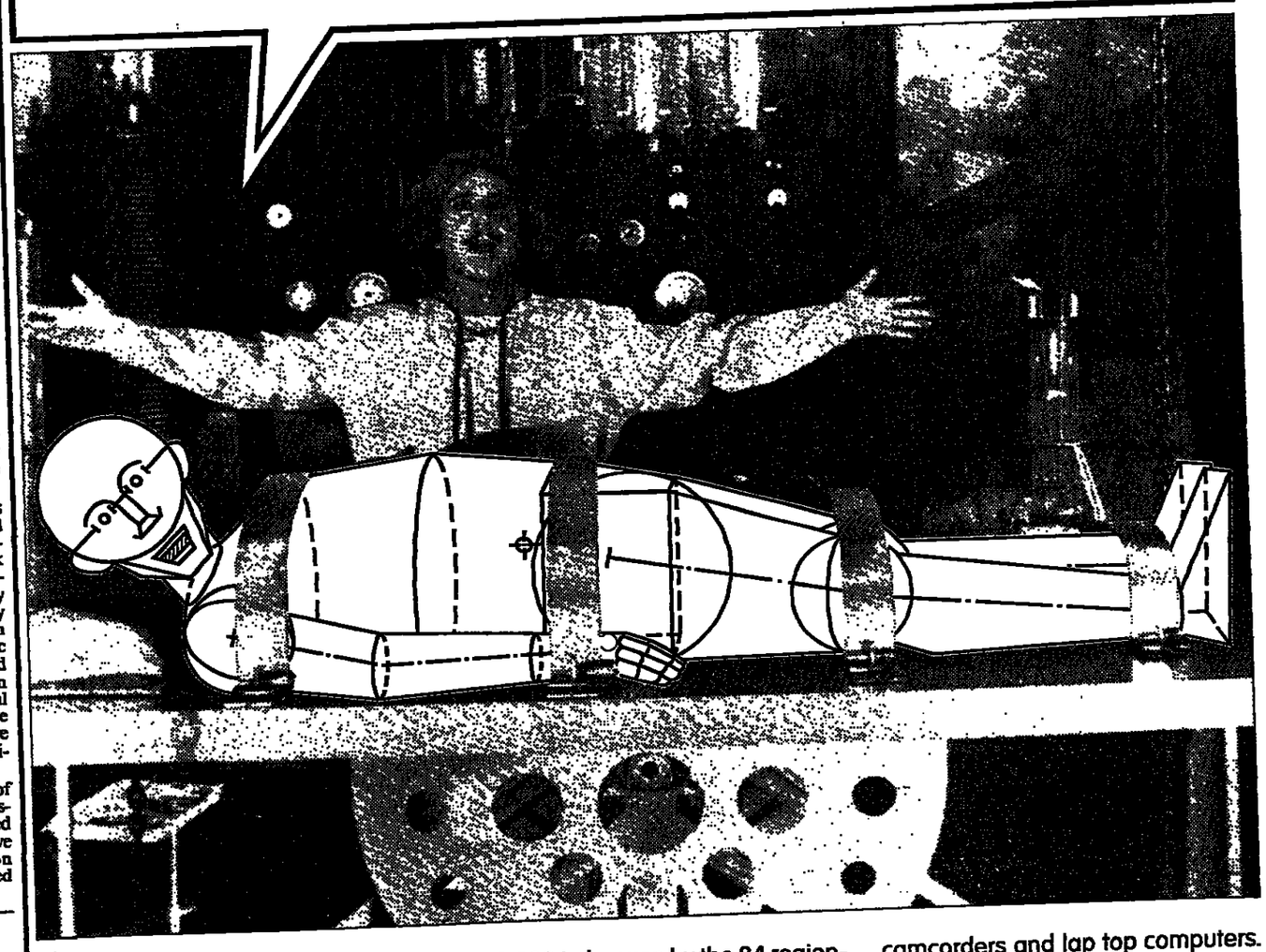
He said that house price inflation, forcast by some at 18 per cent this year, would generate £120 billion of gains and thus increase spending. The housing market remains the main source of wealth.

Mr Christopher Pinker, UK economist at Phillips & Drew, pointed out that the mortgage rate cut adds only about 40p a week to the average weekly income.

"But in the south-east, where mortgages are much higher than in the rest of the country, there will be more benefit to homeowners. These householders tend to be the younger members of the population in the early stage of a mortgage and who tend to spend more on leisure and travel," he said.

He is less optimistic about the prospects for part of the retail sector such as electronics, traditionally considered a recipient of consumer confidence. "After all, most people have now got videos, hi-fis and televisions, so look out for people buying speedboats and that kind of luxury item".

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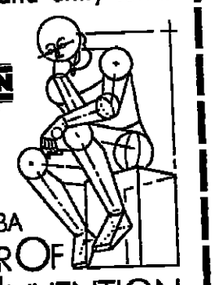
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Sweeping changes in Irish police after series of blunders

By John Cooney

An extensive reorganization of the operations of the Garda, the Irish Republic's police force, has been approved by Mr Gerry Collins, the minister for justice.

The shake-up comes after a series of police blunders during the recent hunt for Mr John O'Grady, the kidnapped Dublin dentist. Irish ministers were furious that the kidnapper, Dessie O'Hare, known as "the Border Fox", and his gang repeatedly evaded arrest and gave the police the slip on a number of embarrassing occasions.

Ministers were horrified to learn that senior officers in the ordinary crime sections did not know for more than a week into the hunt that the security section had confirmed that Mr O'Grady was abducted by O'Hare.

A similar breakdown in communications between the minister and senior officers was reported to have occurred last November at the start of a nationwide search for IRA arms, ammunition and explosives.

That operation succeeded in finding a number of arms dumps through the use of sophisticated scanner equipment lent by Britain.

The shortcomings highlighted in the O'Grady hunt led to an inquiry into the 11,000-strong Garda force, the structures of which have remained largely unaltered since the foundation of the Irish state in 1921.

The main change resulting from the inquiry is the decision taken by Mr Collins to ensure greater co-ordination between the force's anti-terrorist units and ordinary crime squads.

It falls short of a main recommendation made by three senior police officers that the anti-subversive Special Branch should merge with the Central Detective Unit dealing with non-terrorist crime.

That recommendation had the backing of Mr Eamonn Doherty, the Garda commissioner, but was apparently blocked by the Department of Justice. Unlike the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, who is independent of political control, the commissioner's powers are restricted by his subordination to the justice minister and his civil servants.

A code of conduct for the Royal Ulster Constabulary emphasizing the force's aim to police Northern Ireland impartially "without regard to status, sex, race, religion, political beliefs or aspirations" was published yesterday.

Government sources said that *Professional Policing Ethics was* essentially an internal RUC document but its publication is in line with official policy of seeking to win support for the force from the Roman Catholic community.

The document covers the conduct of RUC officers under a wide range of circumstances including the treatment of both the public and prisoners, the use of physical force, co-operation with officials outside the force and conduct in private life.

"In providing a fair and impartial service, the RUC recognizes and respects the validity of the different identities and traditions", the code says.

Political control has been tightened since the outbreak in 1969 of the present terrorist violence in Northern Ireland. Since then, there has been a rapid but uneven expansion of the force which has entered the computer age.

However, until now its management and training procedures have not been modernized, to the barely concealed annoyance of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

The changes authorized by Mr Collins assign Garda deputy commissioners to act as "senior force managers".

Training procedures are to be revised and procedures on kidnaps and other serious crimes updated. Although the Garda prides itself on being an unarmed police force — according to Mr Doherty, the Garda ranks second only to the Roman Catholic Church in the Irish public's esteem — it increasingly faces the dilemma of how to deal with republican terrorists.

That dilemma came to the fore during the O'Grady kidnap when O'Hare and his gang showed no hesitation in firing at Garda officers with intent to kill.

In his speech from the dock before being sentenced to 40 years imprisonment for abducting and maiming Mr O'Grady, O'Hare called on terrorists to show no mercy towards the Garda.

● Two men were charged at Dublin's Special Criminal Court yesterday with kidnapping Mr John O'Grady, two days after Dessie O'Hare and four of his gang were jailed for the kidnap.

Michael Montcalm, aged 44, an engineer, from Carrigtwohill, Co Cork, and Denis Murnane, aged 39, a farmer, also from Carrigtwohill, were charged with falsely imprisoning Mr O'Grady in October last year.

Both men were remanded on their own bail of IR£1,000 each.

● The IRA may be linked to a sophisticated shares swindle being investigated by Irish fraud squad detectives.

High-grade counterfeit shares certificates, which can be sold on the open market or used to raise bank loans, have netted huge sums for the swindlers.

Investigators do not know yet how much is involved but the total could reach several million pounds.

A senior source said last night in Dublin that although the fraud squad had an open mind on who was responsible, the IRA was not being ruled out.

The investigation was launched after a warning by the Dublin Stock Exchange that counterfeit shares certificates were in circulation.

First black voice on synod panel



Dr John Sentamu, a vicar in Tulse Hill, south-east London, is congratulated by his children on becoming the first black churchman elected to the standing committee of the General Synod of the Church of England. Dr Sentamu, aged 40, vicar at Holy Trinity Church, was formerly a Ugandan judge and was imprisoned by the Amin regime. (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance).

British Psychological Society

Erotic way to beat the lie detector

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The well-trained spy or criminal can beat lie detector tests by concentrating on erotic thoughts, according to one of Britain's leading psychologists.

Professor Ray Bull, of Glasgow College of Technology, will tell a meeting of experts today that the traditional methods of positive vetting used by the security services are more likely to ferret out deception during interrogation than the polygraph machine.

Professor Bull says that the person being questioned can provoke the change in the electrical resistance of the skin measured by the lie detector by focusing his thoughts on something erotically arousing. He warns against "a rather naive trust that has grown up because an electronic machine is measuring a reaction of the body".

Professor Bull will be among scientists presenting the latest results of research into the reliance to be put on changes in behaviour, as well as the use of the polygraph, in assessing evidence, at a special meeting of the British Psychological Society, in Leeds.

The psychologists oppose the general use of the polygraph in what is referred to as controlled questioning, in which the expert operator must gain some understanding of the individual he is questioning, for the procedure to be of use. That is because the opening question in such an interview, against which the truthfulness of later answers will be judged, needs to be unexpected and of an intimate nature that causes maximum embarrassment.

The psychologists are expected to commend the polygraph as an aid to the police in one specific form of inquiry, known as the guilt-by-association test, said to be inherently more precise, which depends on questions and answers concerning details known only to the investigators and the guilty person. Such a question might be: was the injury inflicted by a knife, hammer, screwdriver or rope? Was the crime committed on the stairs, in the bedroom, kitchen or bathroom ? Similarly precise questions could be asked in security work.

● New techniques to give top athletes a higher level of mental fitness are to be examined at today's session. The belief that mental training can help performance comes from work including research at Surrey University and St Mary's College, Twickenham, south-west London, in which EEG machines were used to measure the brain wave patterns of karate specialists. The recordings showed a dominant activity in the right side of the brain that decreased immediately before the throw. A study of cricketers by Dr J Graham Jones, of Loughborough University, showed how anxiety before batting could reduce the speed of response.

RHS book auction pays off loan

The Royal Horticultural Society sold 30 books from its Linley Library for £98,000 yesterday at Sotheby's.

The society raised enough to pay back a loan and have funds left over.

Top Linley lot was copies 1-184 of the *Botanical Magazine*, all 161 volumes and 10,500 coloured plates, most being hand-coloured, of flora and fauna. It fetched £29,700 to the dealer Burgess Browning, against an estimate of up to £25,000.

An early nineteenth century Italian book called the *Pomona Italiana*, by Giorgio Gallesio, fetched £24,200 (estimate up to £16,000) to Quaritch, who clearly could not resist its fine illustrations of ripe fruit.

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

A third edition of Besler's *Hortus Eystettensis* fetched the highest price overall, selling within estimate at £165,000 to Heywood Hill.

Measuring 30in by 18in, and nine inches thick, it contains pictures of flowers in the seventeenth century garden of the Bishop of Eichstatt. Its artist was Basilus Besler, a Nuremberg apothecary and botanist.

The sale total was £780,000, with 17 per cent unsold.

The largest collection of model trains to come on the market in recent years made £40,000 yesterday at auction in Dorchester, Dorset.

Public figures from industry and the world of computers were among the bidders for 33 lots from the Cross Collection, the product of a former accountant's life-long enthusiasm for trains.

The locomotives, rolling stock and track had filled several outhouses at the home of the late Mr Patrick Cross, of Ringwood, Hampshire.

Mr Guy Schwinge, of Dorchester auctioneers Henry Duke and Son, said 70 per cent of the stock had been bought by collectors.

He said: "Mrs Cross is absolutely delighted. The models are going to people who appreciate them. The sale prices were excellent."

One of Goya's most important and endearing portraits goes on show at the National Gallery from today.

It is his third portrait of the Countess of Chinchon, a 20-year-old beauty in 1800 and niece of Charles III. Goya had painted two others of her when she was a child.

The artist shows a clear knowledge of the sitter's predicament at the time, as a neglected wife of the Spanish king's chief minister, but heavily pregnant. He depicts her wearing pale, delicate silks, with a sheaf of corn in her hair (symbolizing fertility) and a distended abdomen.

Sotheby's held a successful sale of contemporary art in Madrid on Thursday, totalling £500,000, with only one out of 64 paintings unsold.

A 1922 Picasso entitled "Poire verre et Citron" fetched top price of £131,764.

Euro club opens its doors

By Michael Dynes

The Euro-constituency of Oxford and Buckinghamshire yesterday became the pioneer of an initiative designed to help British business prepare for the competition expected to follow the completion of the European internal market in 1992.



Announcing the launch of the constituency's "1992 Club" in Thame, Oxfordshire, Mr James Elles became the first of Britain's 79 Euro-MPs to declare his constituency "open for business".

The 1992 Clubs, which will offer advice to the business community on the progress and impact of the EEC's single-market legislation, form the centre-piece of the European Democratic Group's internal "market awareness" campaign.

The group, composed of Conservatives in the European Parliament, plans to establish clubs throughout the country, including constituencies held by Labour Euro-MPs.

The clubs will be self-financing through membership subscriptions, which range from £10 for individuals to £50 for larger employers.

Members will receive periodic 1992 progress reports, a three-monthly internal market newsletter and guaranteed answers to questions on how their business will be affected by the flood of internal market legislation.

Mr Elles said that the clubs were designed to complement Britain's national 1992 awareness campaign, which will be launched on Monday by Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary fo State for Trade and Industry.

"With nine different languages and 12 fragmented national markets, the EEC must ensure that its individual members join forces to succeed on the world stage in the 21st century."

Mr Elles said that people should not regard the 1992 campaign as the invention of politicians and bureaucrats. "The drive to break down the remaining barriers to trade is coming from concerned European industrialists, desperate to have a broader domestic market to compete on equal terms with the US and Japan", he said.

Bishops to fight for Catholic schools

Roman Catholic bishops in England and Wales disclosed yesterday how they plan to fight legislation they claim threatens the Catholic school system.

At a three-day conference in London which ended yesterday, they agreed to monitor amendments to the Education Reform Bill in the House of Lords and if necessary press for a safeguard preserving the identity of Catholic schools.

That would be in the form of an amendment to ensure that Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, arranges that "within the provision of the national curriculum there is flexibility and scope for the governors of voluntary schools to promote and develop the distinctive ethos and character of their schools".

The bishops said in a statement they feared that under the Bill they would no longer be able to exercise their responsibility for education.

There was an alarming trend in government policy and in public opinion towards a "culture of indifference" towards the poor and underprivileged, the Roman Catholic bishops decided yesterday.

As a first move towards a position which could eventually put the Roman Catholic Church in open conflict with government philosophy, they have commissioned a study of the underlying causes of "a society which is becoming increasingly hardened, and dismissive of hardship".

Announcing the bishops' growing anxiety about trends in society, Mgr Vincent Nichols, secretary of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, said that there was "no political agenda", and in none of the discussions so far had the trend they were worried about been labelled "Thatcherism".

However, the trend was present as a pattern behind various pieces of recent government legislation.

"The bishop has clear and specific responsibilities in the life of the church", the statement said. "The proposals contained in the Bill deny the bishop the means needed to fulfil these responsibilities. In the Bill's provision he is viewed purely as an educational administrator.

"Such a view fails to recognize the true role of the bishop in church life."

Academics are also voicing their criticism of the Bill. A quarter of those in universities have signed a petition criticizing the Government for failing to include safeguards for the freedom of teaching and learning.

The petition, with 6,500 signatures, is to be presented to the Lords by the National Committee for University Autonomy on Tuesday, when the Bill is due to receive its second reading.

The committee, which is chaired by Professor David Martin, professor of sociology at the London School of Economics, claims that the Government's plan to abolish academic tenure for lecturers appointed or promoted after November 20, 1987, the day the Bill was published, will weaken academic freedom and reduce the universities' international competitiveness.

It says the worst lecturers will be locked into the system while the best will be discouraged from seeking promotion.

It also suggests that the best scholars will be tempted abroad.

Defendants look to juries for acquittals

Crown courts overloaded, study says

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Crown courts are being overloaded with cases because defendants believe jury trial gives them a better chance of acquittal and because magistrates think they do not have power to handle many of the cases, according to research published today by the Home Office.

It says that the workload of the crown courts is a key issue because of its direct impact on the size of the prison population.

The reseach shows that where cases can be tried in either court, defendants opt to be tried by jury in 60 per cent of cases.

That is because they saw the crown court as offering a better chance of acquittal: in their view that outweighed "the risk of a more severe sentence if convicted".

That is borne out by statistics: among those pleading not guilty to all charges in the study, 66 per cent at the crown court were acquitted, compared with 45 per cent at summary trial.

When the cases are heard, only a minority pleads not guilty, the research shows. Most intend to plead not guilty at jury trial but change their plea when they know the strength of the case against them.

The other 40 per cent of "triable either way" (in either court) cases are sent to the crown court because magistrates decline to hear them, believing them unsuitable for summary trial. That decision was generally made on the basis of prosecution representations, the research shows.

The study accepts some cases would not be suitable for summary trial. However, it points out that on the basis of Home Office statistics 55 per cent of those convicted at the crown court in either-way cases receive a sentence within the powers of magistrates.

It concludes that although magistrates may commit cases for other reasons, there must be scope for reducing the volume of either-way cases committed at the bench's discretion.

The study, by the Home Office Research and Planning Unit, comes when more cases which could be heard by jury or magistrates are committed to the crown court.

Triable-either way cases: crown court or magistrates' court? Home Office Research Study 98 (Stationery Office; £4.50).

Classical Association

Rhyme and riches in Ancient Rome

By Philip Howard, Literary Editor

Even poets have to earn their living. In a paper to the Classical Association at Bristol University yesterday Mr Ian DuQuesnay, of Jesus College, Cambridge, showed how the Roman poets existed.

***Historians* increasingly see patronage as the cement of Roman society. It was a pyramid with the Princeps at the top, the nobiles in the middle and the lower orders at the bottom.**

The obligations of a relationship between patron and client were binding: disparate, reciprocal, and continuing. A poet's patron provided access to an audience, help with the acquisition and dissemination of books, and money.

In return a poet offered his patron fame longer lasting than bronze. Poets could switch patrons. But once the relationship was formed, not to fulfil one's *Fides* would have been *ingratus*.

It could be a profitable connection. Virgil, whose final patron for the *Aeneid* was the emperor himself, left 10 times as much as the property qualification for a senator: the poet was a millionaire.

If one accepts this view of patronage, it rules out many subversive interpretations of irony and other voices in poetry. The poet-client could not kick his publisher in the teeth in public.

It may also explain the troublesome ending of the *Aeneid* when Aeneas spares the wounded Turnus who has begged for mercy. This now looks like a reference to the boast by Virgil's patron that he had spared every Roman life that asked for it, except for just one group, the tyrannicides of Julius Caesar.

Professor Jan Bremmer, of Utrecht University, took an historian's look at the rise of Christianity, in particular through documents of the acts of the early Christian martyrs.

These are usually pastoral or apologetic propaganda; but one can still discern truth and trends. He showed how Christianity succeeded because it was the cult that adapted itself best to the dominant ideas of its time.

There was a strong subservient relationship to the God as with Isis. At a time of the breakdown of social and urban life, belonging to an exclusive club was attractive.

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MPs protest at Government blocking of Bills

Frustrated Labour MPs protested at the blocking of their private members' Bills at the end of a session that had devoted four hours to a measure to define and protect Scotch whisky and a further hour on a Bill to enhance consumers' rights.

At the same time, a Conservative MP's Bill about the auditing of major public companies completed its Commons stages within three minutes without further debate. Another 11 Bills made no progress, and Labour MPs protested about anonymous Government objections to some of them.

Among the deferred measures was the Environment and Safety Information Bill, sponsored by Mr Christopher Smith (Islington South and Finsbury, Lab), which would establish public access to enforcement notices served under environmental and safety legislation.

It was blocked by a shouted objection, apparently from the Government Front Bench. Mr Smith protested that the Government had previously said that the Bill was worthwhile and might well do some good. Because of the objection, he deferred discussion of the Bill until next Friday.

Also effectively lost was the Unfair Reporting and Right of Reply Bill promoted by Mrs Ann Clwyd (Cynon Valley, Lab). The Bill, which will come up again formally on May 6, would give members of the public the right of reply to allegations made against them or to misreporting or misrepresentations about them in the press or in broadcasts. The Bill would also establish a Media Complaints Commission and extend legal aid to actions for defamation.

Sir Brandon Rhys Williams (Kensington, C), however, was not opposed on his Companies (Audit Committees) Bill, covering the appointment of audit committees of directors on "major" public companies. It is estimated that about 300 quoted companies would be affected.

The Bill was given an immediate second reading and passed remaining stages without debate, even though the deputy speaker, Miss Betty Boothroyd, said that this was a most unusual procedure.

To laughter, Sir Brandon said that he had been introducing similar measures since 1970.

Mr Smith said that the Government, which had objected to other Bills, should note the restraint of Labour MPs in not opposing Sir Brandon's Bill and suggested that the Government could show equal restraint in opposing worthwhile Bills from Labour MPs.

Mr William Walker (Tayside North, C) moved third reading of the Scotch Whisky Bill.

He said that it would prevent the sale as "Scotch" of any spirit that did not meet the definition of Scotch whisky and would enable ministers to set a minimum alcoholic strength for Scotch whisky in the future.

They had feared that a more relaxed definition by the EEC could provide an opportunity for the emergence of a lower-quality whisky industry in Scotland.

The Bill made certain that it would not be possible to do this in such a way that that product could be confused with or thought to be Scotch.

Mr Donald Thompson, Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said that the Bill would help protect this fine product from its vulnerability to imitation and counterfeiting by opportunists.

Mr James Pawsey (Rugby and Kenilworth, C), moving third reading of the Consumer Arbitration Agreements Bill, said that it would enhance consumer protection by providing rights to refer disputes to the courts.

At present, he said, contracts with, for example, builders or removers, had on the back, and usually in small print, a clause that any dispute would be referred to compulsory arbitration.

That was unfair to the consumer. The Bill would allow the consumer to take action through the small claims courts.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Stay of execution to be extended

Johannesburg — Lawyers representing the "Sharpeville Six" — five black men and one black woman sentenced to death for the murder of a township councillor four years ago — yesterday lodged an application for a re-opening of their trial in the Supreme Court in Pretoria (Michael Hornsby writes). This means that the stay of execution granted on March 17 will be extended until there is a decision on whether to re-open the case. That could take another month or more.

A lawyer for the six, Mr Prakash Diar, said the state's lawyers would now have "at least three weeks" in which to respond to the papers applying for a re-opening which were submitted yesterday by the defence. "I do not expect the hearing to be held before the second half of May", Mr Diar said.

Israel looks to Russia

Jerusalem — Israel is not trying actively to bring the Soviet Union into the Middle East peace-making process, but would welcome a visit here by the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, provided the initiative came from Moscow (David Bernstein writes).

A senior source in the Prime Minister's Office said yesterday that there has been no such initiative so far, but that Israel is "on the look-out for any signals". The source categorically denied reports that two close confidants of Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister — his bureau chief, Mr Yosef Ben-Aharon, and a Likud Member of Parliament, Mr Dan Meridor — were on a secret mission in Europe to sound out the Russians.

Islands agreement

Peking (AP) — President Aquino of the Philippines and the Chinese Prime Minister, Mr Li Peng, yesterday agreed that their rival claims to the Spratly Islands should be settled peacefully. Mr Li and China's President, Mr Yang Shangkun, whom Mrs Aquino met earlier, also said they would take steps to reduce China's large trade surplus with the Philippines.

● *MANILA: Philippine soldiers have arrested eight navy divers who helped the coup leader Colonel Gregorio Honasan to escape from his prison ship two weeks ago.*

Talks on Cambodia

Bangkok — The US and the Soviet Union are to have talks in Paris this month to help President Reagan and Mr Gorbachov reach an agreement on settling the Cambodian conflict (Neil Kelly writes). Mr Igor Rogachev, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister who announced the meeting yesterday on a visit to Thailand, added that his forthcoming talks with his US counterpart, Mr Gaston Sigur, were "more significant" than any previous session because they would be engaged on preparatory work for the summit. He hoped the leaders could reach a deal on Cambodia.

Park killing sentence

New York (AP) — The defendant in a celebrated Central Park murder trial, Robert Chambers, was sentenced yesterday to five to 15 years in jail for strangling a friend, Jennifer Levin, aged 18. The sentence was agreed to three weeks earlier when Chambers pleaded guilty to first-degree manslaughter, abruptly ending the lengthy trial. "The Levin family have gone through hell because of my actions, and I'm sorry," Chambers said in his first public apology. The case put the spotlight on the under-aged drinking, drug taking and sex lives of wealthy New York youths.

Late tribute to Dali

Moscow (Reuter) — The first Soviet exhibition of works by Salvador Dali opened in Moscow yesterday in a belated tribute to the Spanish surrealist, whose art was once banned by the Kremlin as too bourgeois. Dali's most important paintings were absent from the exhibition, but 200 graphics brought to Moscow by M Pierre Argillet, a French collector, still provoked gasps of surprise.

'Figmo' casts a cloud over Reagan bureaucrats

"Figmo" to Pentagon officers is a coarse acronym explaining that inevitable lassitude that overtakes all those about to be posted and, following the expletive, it stands for "I've got my orders".

A collective feeling of figmo has now come over the Reagan Administration. Bureaucrats know they have not much longer to go. The big names have left already for lucrative jobs elsewhere, replaced by stand-ins. The thousands of middle-level political appointees are clearing their calendars and pigeon-holing policy reports, waiting to see whether they remain at their desks under President Bush, or whether President Dukakis will sweep in with new teams, new policies and new-fangled government.

A lame duck administration does not suddenly seize up. Government continues, papers are shuffled and plans proposed. But the focus narrows and big decisions take on an increasingly surrealist quality. This makes long-term planning all but impossible, especially in fields such as defence.

Uncertainties over the budget, weapons systems, strategy and arms control prospects are blurring the lines of Administration policy already. Mr Frank Carlucci, the Defence Secretary, seems intent on quietly modifying almost every policy Mr Caspar Weinberger strove for.

Against such a background, a high-level delegation from the West-

Washington View
By Michael Binyon

ern European Union came earlier this week to map out joint strategy and co-ordination with the US in advance of the union's meeting in The Hague on Monday. It would seem a thankless mission. As it was, the delegation, the first such visit by the European body, concentrated on talks in the Senate, where there is at least more continuity than in the executive branch.

As one senior member of the delegation remarked: "If we had come in about three weeks' time we wouldn't have got any sense out of anyone."

The Europeans were here to express their support for the INF Treaty and to counter the widespread notion that Europe is not pulling its weight in the alliance. They also wanted to find out where the Star Wars programme is going, what burden-sharing the US demands of the European pillar of Nato, and what American thinking is on strategy and deterrence.

What about the joint operations in the Gulf? How will arms control talks affect the US nuclear guarantee to Europe? How likely are cuts in US troop strengths in Europe? They had a hard time getting any real answers.

They wanted to know, for example, about the Ikle-Wohlstetter report — the recent attempt by a group of former generals, politicians and National Security advisers to set priorities in US defence spending and essential commitments. Many Europeans are worried that this document, signed by such high-powered figures as Dr Henry Kissinger, seemed to suggest a limited nuclear war could be fought in Europe. "No European would be alive in that case," a Dutch Socialist delegation member said. "Any idea we could survive a limited nuclear war is absolute nonsense."

But the Ikle report was forgotten here almost within days of Fred Ikle leaving the Pentagon. Officials made it clear that the Pentagon's attempt to outline a strategic view has not gone down well. The report, like others produced at this stage in the Administration's life, has been quietly shelved.

The unspoken feeling of many Europeans — and an increasing number of Americans — is that the Strategic Defence Initiative will probably go the same way. The rationale of the programme, as articulated by officials nowadays, is becoming vague, and the Europeans tactfully decided not to press the point. They argue that the Pentagon's financial difficulties will largely determine what happens to SDI, and in any case the programme has not hindered the signing of the INF Treaty. As one delegation member put it, if there was more in SDI for the Europeans and it looked as though it was going somewhere, European private industry would be more involved.

Defence is an area where the stop-start rhythm of political decision-making is most disruptive. For long-term planning, Reagan officials tend to assume that Mr Bush will win in November and that things will continue much as they are. The fundamentals will probably remain the same under Mr Michael Dukakis. But it is simply no use making contingency defence plans for a Jackson presidency.

Other policy issues depend less on the White House or can more easily be put on hold. Aids research and society's response have gained a momentum of their own at last. The war on drugs is being fought mostly with words at the moment, but can be engaged in earnest at any time an administration finds the will. Transport, housing, education and other social legislation are all pressing issues, but all can probably wait until January.

Meanwhile, the bureaucrats muddle along, making do with present policies and limited aims. The feeling of winding down is slowly spreading over Washington.

Anti-American protests add to fears of terrorism

Red Army suspect found with bombs is charged in US

From Charles Bremner in New York and David Watts in Tokyo

A suspected guerrilla of Japan's Red Army organization was charged in New Jersey yesterday with possessing three sophisticated bombs, each powerful enough to blow up a building.

Police believe that Yu Kikumura, arrested just outside New York on Tuesday, may have been preparing a terrorist strike against President Reagan, Mrs Thatcher and the other leaders of the industrialized powers when they meet for their annual summit at Toronto in June.

A vigilant highway patrol stopped Kikumura, aged 35, as he drove out of a service area on the New Jersey motorway because he was behaving suspiciously. They found three bombs disguised as fire extinguishers in his car boot. Superintendent Clinton Pagano of the New Jersey Police said: "The material was loaded and charged and ready to use." The devices, defused with the help of robots, had enough explosive power to flatten a building.

Kikumura, arrested with a passport in another name, is known to international police forces as a globe-trotting terrorist with links to the Red Army, the underground group that staged a series of bloody massacres in Europe and elsewhere in the 1970s but has since been relatively silent.

He was expelled from The Netherlands in 1986 for possessing explosives and had recently run a book shop in Greece, according to news reports.

The international connection is particularly worrying for the Federal Bureau of Investigation because the US mainland has so far escaped the attentions of the terrorists, who have blown up American personnel and installations in Europe and around the world.

A federal judge refused bail for the Japanese citizen and appointed a lawyer for his defence. FBI agents said that he had refused to talk since his arrest on Tuesday.

Officials said that it was too early to draw any links between the New Jersey bombs and the suspected role of the Red Army in the Naples attack on Thursday.

Mr Junzo Okudaira, the man Italian police want to question over this week's outrage, is aged 39 and a known member of the Red Army.

He is thought to have been responsible for explosions near the British and American Embassies in Rome last June.

Mr Okudaira is believed to operate with the Red Army's Middle East section, based in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley since being forced out of Japan in the early 1970s and out of Beirut itself during the 1982 Israeli invasion. Red Army members are said to be dispersed between the Bekaa, Cyprus and North Yemen, with Mr Kozo Okamoto, the leader of the attack on Israel's Lod Airport in 1972, now spending most of his time in Libya.

Mr Okudaira's brother, Takeshi, was killed during the Lod Airport massacre. The brothers were born to a wealthy family whose ancestors were leaders of a feudal clan in south-west Japan.

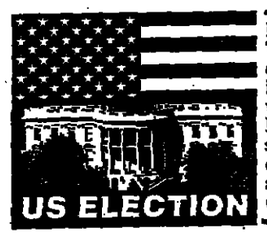
Takeshi Okudaira was married to Miss Fusako Shigenobu, who is now the leader of the Red Army in the Middle East. She left Japan for Lebanon in 1972.



Muslims burning the Stars and Stripes in Manila yesterday to mark the second anniversary of the US bombing raid on Libya and to protest against US bases in the Philippines.

Big Apple loses its shine — blighted by Aids, crack and crashes

From Charles Bremner
New York



New York — Senator Albert Gore of Tennessee, the underdog in the Democratic primary race, received a hefty boost in his fading campaign in New York by winning the endorsement of Mayor Edward Koch. "I believe in what Al Gore stands for," Mr Koch said. Mr Gore claimed: "It's a tremendous boost," but according to a new poll he has only 6 per cent of electoral support.

Fabulous, dynamic, electric New York City, battlefield of the next primary election, still tries to live up to its view of itself as the greatest metropolis, an image reinforced by admiring outsiders. Take the Pope, for example. Obviously in tune with the place on a recent visit, he dubbed it capital of the world.

But as the 1980s draw to a close, the pessimists are again writing epitaphs for the Big Apple. Big deal, say true New Yorkers, who are used to predictions of impending doom and yawn at the "New York on the brink" stories that come from jealous "mainland" Americans.

But a decade on from the near-bankruptcy that almost put the city out of business, it is clear that it is again staggering under a host of ills, some of them new and some very old. Crack, greed, Aids, crash, race ... the evils can be summed up with a handful of monosyllables.

Black Monday last October marked the official turning point. Within a week, Mayor Edward Koch, cheerleader of the New York revival and the city's court jester, announced the end of good times that went with the economic boom and started cutting back municipal jobs. The city's new dependence on service industries makes it vulnerable, and Mr Koch is still telling everyone: "We are in for trouble now".

The seeds of the crisis were sown in the early 1980s, when big money put the glitz back in Manhattan, a party-time when cocaine was for chic recreation and Aids was only just appearing to spoil the fun. New Yorkers, already nostalgic for this now-lost era, are flocking to see its recreation in *Bright Lights, Big City*, the film of Jay McInerney's novel.

Back then, Mr Koch, who won office in 1977, had already lost his attempts to rein in the entrenched interests which really govern the city — the builders, the borough politicos, the Caretakers Union which holds sway over the decaying schools. In what seemed a good idea, he had granted huge tax concessions to developers like Mr Donald Trump, who littered Manhattan with glittering skyscrapers and sent land prices soaring.

Unknown at the time, many of Mr Koch's associates were imitating the crooks of Wall Street, lining their pockets and presiding over one of the biggest feasts of corruption in New York's memory. The round-up of small fry is still going on. No-one was amazed when a third of the Health Department's restaurant inspectors were arrested last month for extortion.

The legacy of the boom is a city more polarized than ever, 7.3 million people with a new class of very rich who pay heavily to shield themselves from the 1.8 million living in poverty, 50,000 of them on the streets, railway stations and makeshift shelters.

"Never make eye-contact with a panhandler if you don't intend to give," newcomers are advised. "Never give to anyone younger than you."

New Yorkers have always prided themselves on their masochism. It makes them queue to be insulted by doormen at Nell's or sneered at by the bookings girl at the Rainbow Room.

This is the spirit that delights in proving that Tom Wolfe's *Bonfire of the Vanities* is faithful documentary, not cruel satire. More than any other in recent memory, the novel has become an instant cultural touchstone.

The city is still the financial, artistic and ideas capital of the Americas, although global communications are enabling Los Angeles and other places to move up as intellectual centres.

For the well-off, Manhattan is still home to the best restaurants, theatre, music, and shopping in the country. But the dirt, crime, cosmic rents and taxes and the collapse of the state schools are accelerating the flight of the middle classes, long dominated by the Jewish, Italian, Irish and other groups.

Big companies have been moving out in droves — so many that Mr Koch appeared in an advertising campaign last year with hammer in hand boarding up the tunnels to New Jersey and calling on employers to stay.

Additionally, a survey has just found that many executives around the country are refusing promotions which involve a move to New York, even with financial incentives. The headlines and statistics are scaring them off.

Take Aids, for example. The disease has cut a swathe through the artistic world, especially in Greenwich Village. One in 60 children in the city is being born with the virus.

The drug plague has also brought the money and mad killing that have appeared in other cities and made worse the lot of the "underclass", the growing black population that has slipped out of society. When teenagers can make $600 a week selling crack there is little incentive to earn far less at a straight job. "Usually you say the old days were better or worse," says Jimmy Breslin. "But it was never anything like this."

With the white middle class sending their children mainly to private schools, black and Hispanics account for three-quarters of the school population. Six out of 10 drop out, a third of them illiterate.

But there is another side to the coin. For all Mr Koch's griping, the city's economy has yet to show the cracks that he is predicting. Unemployment is at its lowest for 18 years, and a new restraint is emerging in Manhattan, now that excess has been proclaimed out of fashion.

And for all his gloom, Mr Koch still insists: "New Yorkers feel much better about themselves than they did in 1975."

Tokyo wage slaves resist leisure lure

From David Watts, Tokyo

A pretty songstress sang of the virtues of a five-day working week to a clutch of grim-faced bureaucrats. They seemed unmoved, but the Ministry of Labour hopes the song will convince the Japanese to take a two-day weekend and "take time for love to grow", as the young lady put it.

Despite government efforts to legislate the typical salary earner into a more relaxed person, spending more time with his family or colleagues, he is driven to work longer than ever before. Life in the number two economic superpower is getting tougher.

High prices have driven him further out of the city centre so commuting takes longer, and fewer staff means longer working hours, according to private surveys which belie government propaganda that the Japanese are falling more into line with other industrial nations.

The difference now is that more people are willing to speak out against a system which propels Japan's world economic standing ever upwards but leaves the ordinary employee nothing extra to show for his efforts.

"I sometimes wonder where it is all going to lead. The cost of things keeps on going up and nobody complains. I see it happening to myself: my daughter wants a dress for 20,000 yen (£86). I know it's really worth half that but I buy it anyway," said a young professional who, like so many others, does not want to be seen to be complaining. A trade union survey showed that 76 per cent of respondents felt they were overworked and fully 90 per cent were finding it hard to make ends meet.

A similar number want shorter working hours and a better quality of life — the twin themes of the *Shunto* spring wage campaign this year. The campaign will bring head-on clashes with managements trying to hold the line on costs.

In a few weeks the Government will introduce the 40-hour working week, down from the present 48 hours. Internationally it will look good, but it will mean nothing to the ordinary employee. Small firms do not have to follow its provisions.

Holidays are still the exception rather than the rule. Most workers are afraid to take time off because they lose the promotion race. They are only too well aware that employers still rate hours worked rather than results achieved as the key sign of a loyal employee.

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Le Pen seeks a kingmaker role

The extreme right-wing National Front candidate, M Jean-Marie Le Pen – who is campaigning on an overtly anti-immigrant ticket – addressing hardline supporters in Lyons behind a barricade of bodyguards.

He is receiving up to 12 per cent support in the opinion polls and M Alain Juppe, the campaign spokesman for the Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac, said this week that the votes of Le Pen's supporters would be crucial to whichever candidate wins the May 8 run-off. But M Chirac has ruled out negotiations with M Le Pen, saying he has a gut aversion to racism. He has sought to woo the National Front voters by saying he understands the causes of anti-immigrant sentiment.

M Le Pen wants to expel illegal immigrants and encourage others to leave by discriminating against them in jobs and housing. He argues that foreign cultural "pollution" is taking France from the French.

The National Front leader brags that he will hold the keys to the Elysee Palace in the run-off, while his posters portray him as the dark horse – *"L'Outsider"*.

Ironically, M Le Pen's National Front has taken votes from the Communist Party, replacing the old left as the place for disgruntled workers to register their protest.

On Thursday, his party played kingmaker for the governing centre-right coalition in a regional contest.The illustration came in the eastern town of Besancon, in a poll to elect a regional council chairman to replace the elder statesman M Edgar Faure, who died last month.The candidate of the centre-right needed the votes of three National Front councillors to beat the Socialists (Photograph: Chris Harris)

The Afghanistan accord

Parties differ on definition

From Paul Vallely, Geneva

The reality that the new Geneva accord on Afghanistan is a deal made to be broken emerged more clearly than ever here yesterday as details of its implementation began to be discussed.

The only element on which all parties agree is that the Soviet Army will pull out by the end of the year. Almost everything else is open to widely diverging interpretation. One stark example of this came yesterday when M Jean-Pierre Hocké, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, outlined the framework for returning 5.5 million Afghan refugees to their homes – probably the largest and most costly operation the UN has ever undertaken.

Asked if Mujahidin guerrillas – understood to number between 80,000 and 150,000 – would be disarmed before being taken into the returnees scheme, he replied: "In my opinion all refugees are civilians."

The previous day, Mr Zain Noorani, the Pakistan Foreign Minister, had announced with ill-disguised glee that, by his definition, all Mujahidin were refugees and so the sections of the agreement which referred to Islamabad's obligation to curb "mercenaries, terrorists, saboteurs and subversive agents" did not apply to the Afghan resistance.

The Soviet and Afghan delegations offered an interpretation which was entirely the opposite. But few observers or diplomats express any surprise at this. A senior Western official said: "The point of the agreement was to get the Russians out of Afghanistan. Everything else is just window-dressing."

One diplomat explained that, for the Russians, "the agreement offered the opportunity to save a little face. They get out of Afghanistan, which they are desperate to do because of the cost, their lack of military success, and their desire to further improve East-West relations before the fourth Reagan-Gorbachov summit, where they hope to make progress towards a 50 per cent reduction in strategic nuclear weapons. With the agreement they get out with as much grace as could be expected in the circumstances."

He added: "For the West, the agreement produced a firm timetable for Soviet withdrawal and the opportunity to monitor it."

The shortcomings of the accord are universally acknowledged: it contains no ceasefire; introduces no broadly-based interim government to create a political calm during the Soviet withdrawal; offers no mechanism for the election by all Afghans of a new administration; and reaches no understanding on cutting arms supplies by the Soviet Union and the US to their respective clients, thus offering the antagonists no inducement to negotiate.


M Hocké: Appeal for funds to help returning refugees.

One Western political aide said: "Despite that, we grabbed it, because our chief aim was to get the Russians out. If it leaves Afghanistan still in a mess, that is a secondary issue."

Privately, American officials here say that they would like to reduce the flow of certain arms to the Mujahidin. There is distinct unease that some of the Stinger missiles are being sold by the Afghan resistance to arms dealers rather than being used against Soviet helicopter gunships. The fact that remnants of two American-made Stingers were found last October in the wreckage of two Iranian gun boats destroyed while attacking US ships in the Gulf is frequently mentioned.

The surprisingly aggressive tone of the statement by Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, on Thursday that Washington would continue to supply the Mujahidin is interpreted here as being mainly for US domestic consumption. He has been under considerable pressure from right-wing congressmen not to "abandon our friends in Afghanistan". But it is also an attempt to persuade Moscow that if it wants the US to reduce the flow of arms then it must cut weapons supplies to Kabul to achieve a balance.

Either way, diplomats from both superpowers seem reconciled to the fall of the Communist Government in Kabul, which has been supported by the Soviet Army for more than eight years. Neither side seems entirely unhappy at the prospect of some anarchy as the thousands of bands of guerrillas that make up the seven Mujahidin groups revert to more traditional and tribal patterns of fighting.

Understandably M Hocké, the man responsible for overseeing the return of 3.1 million Afghan refugees from Pakistan and 2.4 million from Iran, spoke tentatively when questioned yesterday on how the programme will be implemented. He said: "The agreement is very clear. Everyone is allowed to return to the very place he has come from."

When and how that will happen is a lot less clear, but M Hocké said he would be appealing to governments for donations to put the massive operation into gear as soon as possible. Britain has offered £10 million already. Sustaining refugees in Pakistan alone has cost $1.5 billion (about £830 million) in the past eight years. M Hocké said: "The magnitude of the envisaged operation is such that it will require vast financial and material resources."

It will also require a more settled and much clearer political situation.

● MOSCOW: The Soviet Union will reveal the strength of its force in Afghanistan once the soldiers have begun pulling out next month, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Senegalese pay court to jailed 'president'

From Susan MacDonald, Dakar

Living conditions in Dakar's jail are probably slightly better than those in the teeming, squalid area that stretches behind it and from which many of its common criminal inmates are drawn. But under the state of emergency in the Senegalese capital, the prison has become home to a fistful of opposition leaders, including President Diouf's chief rival, Mr Abdoulaye Wade.

For six weeks the charismatic Mr Wade has held daily court here, receiving the numerous people who come to pay their respects in a small room off the central inner courtyard.

It is a mark of the tolerance and good humour that continues despite the present tension that I found myself included in that gathering, interviewing the man who will shortly come before the State Security Court charged with inciting the violence which took place the day after the presidential election in late February.

Mr Wade, in traditional flowing robes and sitting on the one good chair in the tiny prison room, believes that he is the rightful President of Senegal. According to the calculations of his Democratic Senegalese Party, Mr Wade gained 56 per cent of the vote against President Diouf's 43 per cent. President Diouf must resign, he insisted, and the democratic process take its course.

His response to the charge against him is that he said nothing during his vociferous election campaign which he has not been stating since the last presidential election in 1983: that the opposition will not stand for electoral frauds and will take matters into their own hands.

Officially, Mr Wade received 25 per cent of the vote against President Diouf's 73 per cent with other opposition parties taking the rest. It is generally thought that, even allowing for the incidents of fraud, President Diouf won the election countrywide, though in some areas, including Dakar, Mr Wade's vote was high.

What is more serious is that Senegal has a growing young people's problem which this year found political expression in the opposition election slogan of *Sopi*, which means change.

Despite a plea by the new Education Minister, Mr Ibrahima Nianj, Senegalese children on Monday refused to end their two-month-old strike by returning to school after the Easter break. They issued yet another 72-hour ultimatum, which expires tomorrow, calling for improved school facilities and reforms in teaching methods.

But teachers say that the young people's desire for a change in the whole system underlines these demands. As one Dakar University professor explained, unemployment is now the most urgent problem. Senegalese students feel that they are studying for nothing. They look on as jobs for which they are better qualified continue to be taken by the "children of papa" as they are called here – those in the circle of families with political or religious connections which open all doors.

There were high expectations when President Diouf took over from President Senghor in 1981. While he has gained considerable international stature, at home he is accused of not having broken sufficiently with the old corrupt party machinery which still, together with the Islamic religious brotherhoods, has a strong hold.

Senegal, a poor country afflicted by falling international prices for its only two export products, peanuts and phosphate, is kept afloat by massive IMF, World Bank and other international loans, many of which are linked to programmes which have been criticized as hindering efforts to streamline the economy.

With a yearly population growth of 3 per cent, more than half the population was born well after independence and see no future for themselves. The previous generation's solution – emigration – is now blocked as Europe imposes tighter and tighter restrictions.

Mr Papa Ndiame Sene, who is trying to set up a consultancy group to assist African private enterprise, said Europe and African states are not really interested in developing African private enterprise. Europeans see it as a threat to a docile African market, and African politicians see it as a threat to their hold over their economies. But, he says, in 20 years there will be 25 million Africans knocking on the doors of Europe if no future is created for them.

President Diouf's problems are more immediate. Somehow he has to reduce present tension, convince the young that he is with them and return Senegal to its normal open existence, but no one here can see how he will achieve this.

A huge paramilitary police presence means that Dakar is calm, but that is a temporary solution imposed after the post-election rioting.

The determined members of the opposition are happy to be considered imprisoned heroes. Mr Wade's trial will be a sticky one for the authorities. Himself a lawyer of international repute, he is being defended by no fewer than 30 colleagues, including Maître Francis Szpiner, the flamboyant French lawyer who last year defended the former Emperor Bokassa of the Central African Republic.

Judging from the recent trial of a lesser opposition leader, Mr Abdoulaye Bathily, the lawyers will try to turn it into a theatrical trial to damage Mr Diouf's image abroad.

Dakar sets date for riots trial

Dakar (AP, AFP) – Mr Abdoulaye Wade and several colleagues of Senegal's opposition will go on trial on Monday charged with inciting riots, a court official said yesterday.

The official, who declined to be identified, said Mr Wade and 11 members of his Senegalese Democratic Party will be tried for compromising state security and inciting violence in the three days after the February 28 elections.

The Dakar region has been under emergency since the election, and a night curfew is still in effect.

It was also disclosed that five other opposition leaders were acquitted when a court ruled that they had no case to answer on charges arising from the riots.

They included Mr Amath Dansokho, leader of the Independence and Labour Party, which supported Mr Wade's presidential campaign, and Mr Wade's campaign director, Idrissa Seck.

Bloodiest stage of war will follow Soviet pull-out

From Edward Gorman
Peshawar

Peshawar – The seven-party Mujahidin Alliance, dogged by disunity over the past two months, was last night facing its first big split since the Geneva accord was signed (Edward Gorman writes). Professor Sibghatullah Mujadidi, the leader of the moderate Afghan National Liberation Front, announced that he would boycott a rally to be held near here today, which has been called by the alliance to condemn the Geneva process. The meeting was to have been addressed by each of the seven principal leaders. But Professor Mujadidi says he will not take part in a rally which condemns the Geneva agreement outright.

The Afghan war has been through several clearly definable stages during the past eight years, but now that a Soviet withdrawal has become a certainty, it is set to enter its final and perhaps bloodiest period.

Despite the Geneva peace accords, signed on Thursday, both Washington and Moscow – somewhat absurdly – have retained the right to continue to supply arms to Kabul and the Mujahidin respectively and both sides are now gearing up for the long-awaited showdown.

The key to the future prospects of the resistance is a new long-range destructive capability, which should allow for the swift elimination of the thousands of exposed and poorly-defended Afghan Army posts scattered around the countryside and for effective pressure to be put on strategic centres and the capital, Kabul.

Washington has said repeatedly that it will not let down the Mujahidin during the coming months, and its choice of new weapons attests not only to that commitment but also to a proper understanding on the part of Pentagon military planners of the needs of the guerrillas.

The principal new arms reaching the battlefield are 122 mm and 107 mm Chinese-made rocket-launchers with a range of 12½ miles; 75 mm cannons; and Milan anti-tank wire-guided rockets, which claim success against "any known tank" at a range of 200 yards.

Other important additions to the Mujahidin's armoury include an 120 mm mortar, and rocket-assisted mine-clearing equipment.

There is evidence that these weapons are making a decisive impact. In Nangarhar province, close to the Pakistan border, one of the first areas to be re-supplied, recent battles against previously unassailable government positions have been carried to a swift conclusion with a minimum of guerrilla casualties.

A Western-educated Muslim who visited the area recently said that six posts had been knocked out in the space of seven days. In one battle, on April 5, in which he took part, the guerrillas destroyed the command post of the 71st Brigade of the Afghan Army, near Jalalabad, using BM12 rockets and 120 mm and 82 mm mortars, without sustaining a single casualty.

"We did not capture the garrison," he said. "We destroyed it. It was a guerrilla operation, but taking on a conventional position with conventional weapons in broad daylight in one of the four areas of Afghanistan which the Government regards as under its control."

The Mujahidin will be able to use these weapons to great effect around the cities, particularly Kabul.

The prospects for the Kabul Government are far less easy to discern with any certainty. President Najibullah's survival will depend as much on political factors as the military effectiveness of the Afghan Army deprived of direct Soviet military support. The Russians have done their best to bolster him over the past few months with increased supplies and, no doubt, will continue to do so during their nine-month withdrawal, beginning on May 15.

But most observers agree that Dr Najibullah's problems – which have been largely concealed by a Soviet military presence – will now return to haunt him and hamper attempts to conduct a concerted military strategy against guerrillas fired by a sense of imminent victory.

Some analysts predict that the countryside at large, including the cities of Herat, Kandahar, Mazar-e-Sharif and Jalalabad, will fall quickly even before a Soviet withdrawal is completed. There will then ensue a siege of the capital.

Perhaps Dr Najibullah's best prospects rest on whether or not he can succeed in making a deal with one of all of the Mujahidin leaders. But at present that looks as unlikely as a wholesale violation of the Geneva treaty by Moscow in coming back to his rescue.

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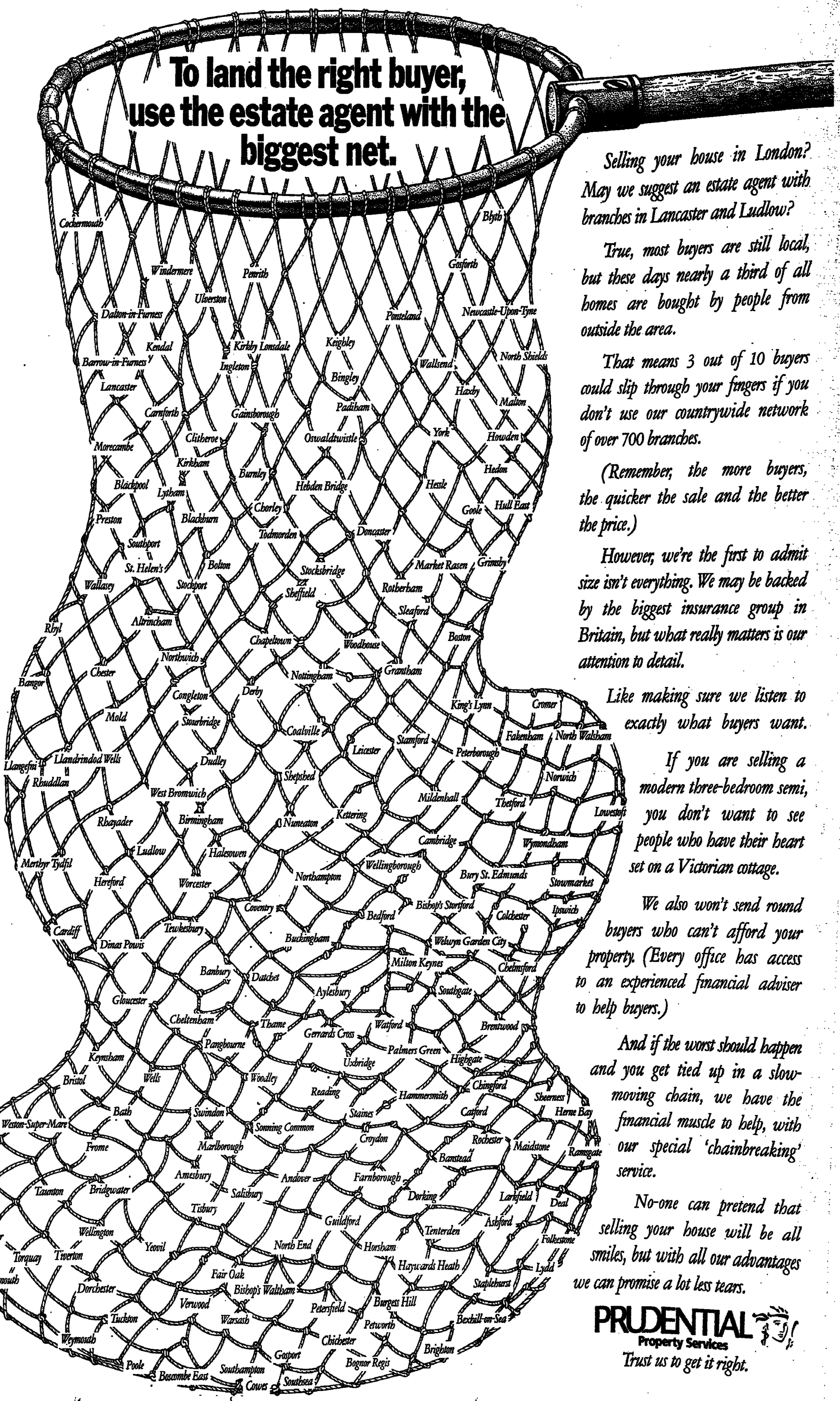
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Mellor fires broadside at Kremlin over rights reform

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

One of the most important but least understood attempts to build a new understanding between East and West was facing deadlock yesterday after a speech by Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, which was sharply critical of the Soviet Union.

The Vienna review of the 35-nation Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe has barely penetrated public consciousness in the 18 months since it began. Yet diplomats and politicians in both halves of Europe believe it will be seen in retrospect as a landmark in East-West relations.

That assumes that it ends in success, but yesterday Mr Mellor suggested in Vienna that unless Moscow became more co-operative it might not. In what was billed by the Foreign Office as an important statement of British policy, Mr Mellor told the conference that there would be no deal until Moscow lived up to its human rights promises.

The main job of the review is to set up a new forum for talks on cutting conventional forces from the Atlantic to the Urals. This is seen by both Nato and the Warsaw Pact as the foundation stone for building greater trust.

The forum is all but settled and hinges on an ingenious idea to overcome French objections to taking part in direct negotiations between the power blocs. It was partly the absence of the French that doomed the earlier and even less-known Mutual Balanced Force Reductions Talks to 14 years of obscurity.

But the review also covers a host of agreements on other subjects, including human rights. Until there is accord on all of them, the final document cannot be signed and none will come into effect.

Britain has always said it would not let a half-baked deal on human rights go through simply to get the arms talks started. But Moscow appears to have been hoping that as Western Europe saw how much was at stake on security issues, it would soften its human rights position.

Yesterday's speech was intended to put paid to those hopes. Mr Mellor threatened to spin out the talks, which were originally expected to end a year ago, until 1989 rather than settle for what he called "a quick-fix cosmetic agreement". He added: "It is not enough for us to succeed on one (issue) if we fail miserably on the other. We will not be bought off in that way," he said.

The speech caused some surprise in diplomatic circles because of its use of what some call "post-cold war rhetoric".

"There can be no common European home with barbed wire in the garden and secret policemen in the cellar," Mr Mellor said, accusing Moscow of "coyness" and "obstructionism". "After 18 months of negotiation we are still being treated to a combination of foot-dragging at the negotiating table and honeyed promises of flexibility in the corridors," he said.

Behind Mr Mellor's attack lies a concern that a fundamental British objective could be lost. That is to keep confronting Brezhnev's successors with the promises he had made on human rights at Helsinki in 1975.

Britain concedes that there has been improvement with the Gorbachov reforms, but not yet enough. So the quality of the final document will be the proof or otherwise of West Europe's diplomatic effectiveness in moving the Soviet giant.

Mr Petar Mladenov, the Bulgarian Foreign Minister, urged delegates not to make unrealistic demands on human rights issues, which could be complicated by "confrontational approaches."

"It is important to discern the outlines of what is possible in the present state of East-West relations," Mr Mladenov said.

Graham tunes in to Chinese youth



Dr Billy Graham, the American evangelist, leading Chinese schoolchildren yesterday in a song during a visit to the Great Wall near Peking. It is the first trip to China for Dr Graham, who has been to more than 60 countries.

India's Bofors arms scandal

Key man testifies on missing millions

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Mr Win Chadha, the former agent in India for the Swedish arms company Bofors, began testifying yesterday before a joint parliamentary committee investigating an arms scandal.

He returned to Delhi only 24 hours before, and after a brief fracas at the airport in which two photographers said their cameras were broken, he was whisked away by men from the Intelligence Bureau and the Finance Ministry's Enforcement Directorate.

The parliamentary committee is charged with finding out what happened to an estimated 640 million rupees (£30 million) paid out by the Swedish company, a subsidiary of Nobel Industries, in return for winning the contract to supply 410 FH77B 155mm howitzers to the Indian Army.

Mr Chadha came back after Indian demands to have him forcibly returned from the United States to give evidence at the parliamentary inquiry into the Bofors affair. The Americans declined to deport him, however, and there seemed to be no ground for extradition proceedings.

Mr Chada's passport was then cancelled and his return was urged by the Government, although he claimed that he was not well enough to make the journey. A doctor later confirmed he was unfit, but last week a junior minister announced in the Indian Parliament that Mr Chada would be returning soon to give evidence. The Bofors contract is the largest arms deal the country has signed, and its cost is estimated at around 17 billion rupees (£800 million). It was signed when Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, held the defence portfolio, and since the news of the payout was first disclosed opposition politicians and newspapers have tried to pin the blame on him, or his family or friends.



Mr Chadha arriving in Delhi from the US for the hearing.

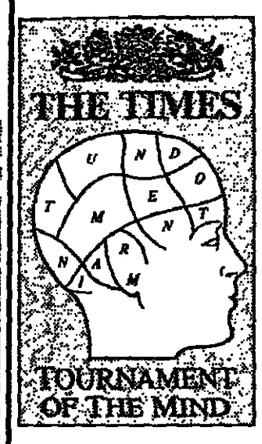
The hunt has taken Indian newspapers through a maze of side issues, including the finances of Amitabh Bachchan, a film star friend of the Gandhis, and his brother, who has been trying to move to Switzerland; Chandraswami, a Hindu holyman, who is said to know more than he is prepared to say; and Mr Martin Ardbo, a former Bofors representative. The parliamentary committee is now coming to the end of its deliberations. It has twice met the former president of Bofors, Mr Per Ove Morberg, but has only elicited a statement that the money was paid over to three non-Indian companies as part of winding up charges after the Indian Goverment insisted that all agents must be discharged. Mr Morberg is reported to have insisted that the payments were not made to Indians.

This last claim has been firmly denied by Mr Ardbo, who testified in Sweden, where Bofors' affairs are also being investigated. He said that if there had been no payment, there would have been no contract.

Since the parliamentary committee is accused of having been set up to whitewash the whole affair, and specifically to keep blame away from Mr Gandhi and his associates, it has been boycotted by most of the Opposition.

It seems unlikely, therefore, that Mr Chada is going to point any accusing fingers in the course of his evidence in a secret session before it today.

Tournament of the Mind



- Last round of the individual final of the Tournament of the Mind, with £5,000 awaiting the winner
- Next week: the schools' final, starting on Monday

● The battle for *The Times* Tournament of the Mind is coming to an end with these last questions in the individual finals. The 124 finalists from the original entry of more than 30,000 are now competing for the £5,000 prize and the trophy to be awarded to *The Times* Mind of the Year.
● The finalists, who have all been sent prepaid answer forms, are reminded that their entries must be received by Mensa, who have set the problems, by Friday April 22. The answers will be published in *The Times* during the following week. In the event of a tie, further problems will be set until a winner is found.
● The schools' final for the IBM Personal System/2 computer will be played over five days starting on Monday. All finalists will receive a certificate to mark their achievement.

INDIVIDUAL FINAL — ROUND SIX

1 LOGIC

In this diagram, the A signifies the number –122, B signifies –120 and C –124. The other numbers have been filled in. If you start at the bottom left-hand corner and move upwards to the right-hand top corner, how many different ways can you find of attaining a score of 319 and 321? You may collect only nine numbers with each attempt and you must move upwards or horizontally from square to touching square. You cannot move diagonally, and a square touching another only at the corner is not regarded as touching.

145	C	144	B	157
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155	C	155	A	143
B	176	B	156	A
165	A	143	C	144

2 VERBAL

This strange sentence is an anagram of four words. Use every letter to discover the words which have a mammalian connection. Here is the sentence:

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3 MATHS

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4 MISCELLANEOUS

Look at this series and tell us what the letters represent.

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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Who composed the music for the film *Operation Daybreak*?
2. Who wrote the tetralogy *Les Jeunes Filles*?
3. Which mountain range eventually reaches 6,476 feet at Pico Turquino?
4. Which legless female insect has a globular body covered with a layer of hardened resin?
5. An extinct bird had a glossy black plumage, white-tipped tail and orange wattles at the base of the bill. While the bill of the male was strong and straight, that of the female was long, slender and curved. What was the bird?

Closer ties sought

From Our Own Correspondent, Delhi

Relations between London and Delhi are expected to improve following a visit to India by Lord Glenarthur, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, which begins tomorrow.

A recent BBC *Panorama* programme about Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, caused some ill-will between the two capitals and a previous visit by a British minister, Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, was called off.

A memorandum of understanding on technology exchange, initialled here last week by Indian and British officials, is another sign of the improving atmosphere and both sides appear to be aiming to make the most of the visit.

The junior minister will hear a great deal about the threat to India's integrity and unity from Sikh separatists resident, and some say indulged, in Britain. While India now accepts that Britain has a better appreciation of its concerns, it still believes not enough is being done to control the separatists or restrict their fund-raising activities. A proposed new extradition treaty between the two countries is also expected to be raised.

Policemen killed at Basque bar

Madrid — Basque terrorists were suspected of shooting dead two policemen after laying a trap for the officers in the northern Spanish city of Vitoria (Harry Debelius writes).

The two officers arrived at a bar having been tipped off by an anonymous caller that several people there were taking drugs. As they drew up on motorbikes, three or four men fired at them from the bar and, according to witnesses, fired again at point blank range when the policemen were lying in the street.

Hindu killed

Amritsar (Reuter) — Two suspected Sikh militants shot dead a right-wing Hindu political leader in this Punjabi Sikh holy city.

Plane downed

Lisbon (AFP) — Guerrillas in Angola shot down a government transport plane this week, killing all the soldiers aboard, Unita rebels said.

Strike defied

Beirut (Reuter) — Many Lebanese workers showed rare defiance against a strike call and more than half the shops here opened for business.

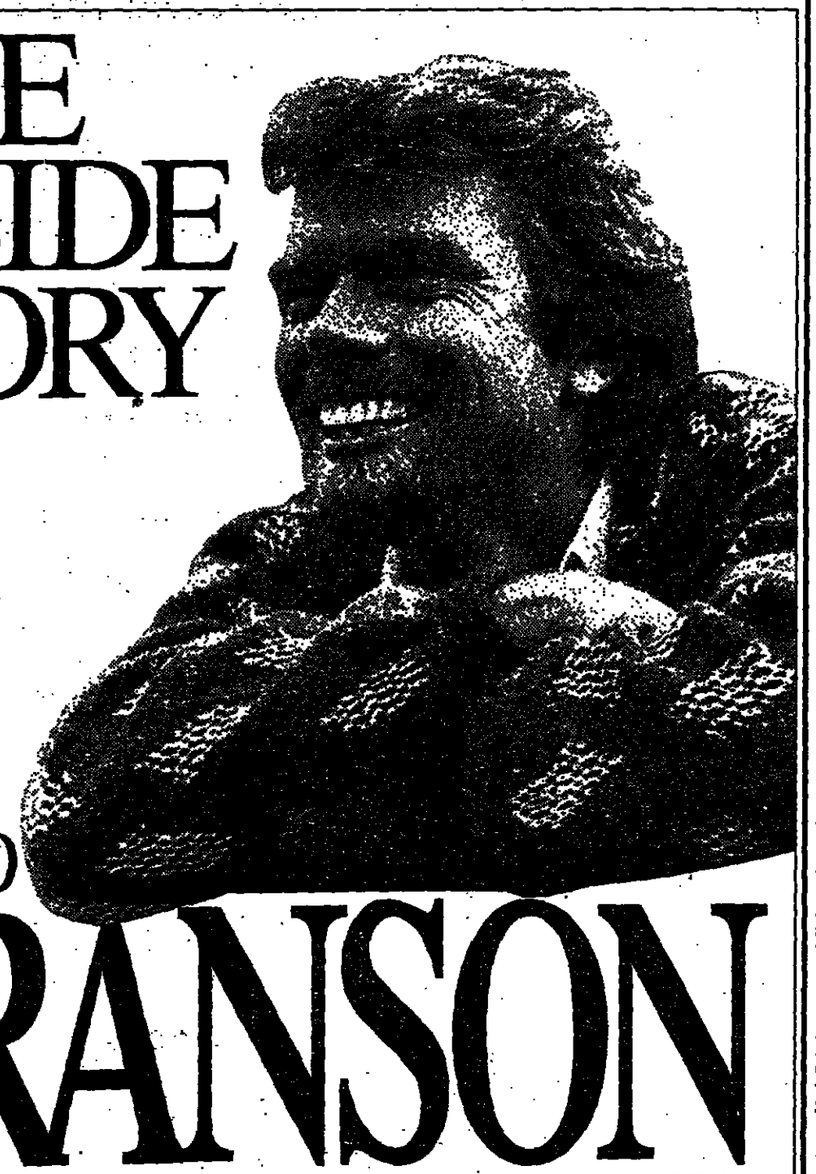
Six drown

Ankara (Reuter) — Six people, including four children, were drowned in floods which left thousands homeless in south-east Turkey.

Strangler dies

Richmond, Virginia (AFP) — Earl Clanton, aged 33, died in the electric chair after last-minute appeals failed, for strangling a woman during a 1980 robbery.

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SIMON BARNES

Our alleged summer begins today, or at least the cricket season starts. But have no fears: I have every confidence that this will be a baking, sweating, glorious, phew-what-a-scorcher summer. We had such a summer the last time the West Indians were here for a Test series, and during a tour in which only the weather could save Our Boys, England sweated their way to a 5-0 drubbing in what will always be remembered as the Blackwash Series. I think we can rely on England to demonstrate that reports of the waning of West Indian power have been greatly exaggerated: a legitimate sacrifice for a better summer.

But Lord's is not what it was. This summer is the first in which "corporate entertainment" has been officially sanctioned at headquarters. The theory of corporate entertainment is that people who don't give two hoots about cricket can watch, or not watch, in luxury, revelling in privilege as they compare themselves with ordinary people fighting for wilting pies and over-priced beers. More and more sporting events cater for lunch eaters rather than sports enthusiasts: it was inevitable that Lord's would follow.

I hear you ask: "Is nothing sacred?" I reply: "Yes. Money." Keith Prowse Hospitality is charging £1.65 per person per day (plus VAT) for a place in a marquee.

Birmingham may have lost the 1992 Olympic Games to Barcelona, but it looks as if Britain has won the fattest contract of the Olympics. Granard Rowland, a subsidiary of (who else?) Saatchi and Saatchi, seem set to run the communications, sponsorship and advertising: a massive task. The deal would also tie up the Howard Marlborough sports sponsorship agency and the BSB advertising agency, both also subsidiaries of S & S.

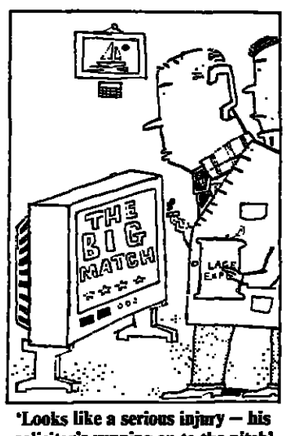
● I hear that Colin Moynihan, our ever-bubbling Minister of Sport, had his car broken into the other week. The thieves took his cassette player, but all was not lost. They left his Charlton Athletic tie.

So many football chairmen are out of touch with the game. They simply do not understand the players, they do not understand how a team works, they do not understand the pains and pressures of playing football at a senior level.

This is not true of Dave Hargreaves, chairman of Padiham, in the Bass North West Counties League, for Hargreaves is also the club's leading goal scorer: he has been player-chairman for 18 months. A former pro with Blackburn Rovers, he joined Padiham three years ago from Accrington Stanley. "I went on to the committee because I thought I could contribute something, having played at a higher level," he said. "Then the chairman suddenly resigned, and I was lumbered with his job."

Padiham players are on an incentive bonus and are paid according to results, though Hargreaves says he had nothing to do with that decision. But, as chairman, he pays himself. The team manager – who is Hargreaves' boss, just as Hargreaves is the manager's boss – is Dennis Cook. Hargreaves said: "I don't have any say in the running of the team. He runs it the way he wants to, and if he picks me, I play. He hasn't dropped me yet, but I dare say that day will come."

BARRY FANTONI



'Looks like a serious injury – his solicitor's running on to the pitch'

They take their football pretty seriously in Africa: a match in the African Champions Cup now looks like becoming a diplomatic incident. Certainly the Burundi ambassador to Zaire has been brought in after the match between Inter Burundi and Etoile Congo. The visiting Burundis were accused of stabbing their local guide who, they claimed, had caused their juju man to be detained by the police. The guide apparently escaped by jumping from a first-floor window, breaking a wrist. The juju man was released after the match (in which the Angolan referee turned down what looked like a perfectly good Burundi goal). After police questioning, the Burundis missed their flight home, and must wait a week for the next flight to Bujumbura. An official for Inter Burundi, whose name is Deo Gratias Habonymana, said the team would have to move to a cheaper hotel. And just by the way, the match finished 0-0.

I know there are some honourable exceptions around, one of them currently mucking about with elephants, but so many of our top sporting people are pretty colourless folk. Few compare with Squire John Mytton, whose memoirs come up for sale at Sotheby's on Monday. Mytton was a sports writer's dream in an age when the sports writer was unknown: a totally committed hunting, shooting and racing man. He spent his life putting his horse at the highest fences, and falling off a great deal. He drank eight bottles of port a day, before he switched to brandy. He once galloped full speed over a rabbit warren to see if his horse would fall. It did. On another occasion, he set fire to his nightshirt to frighten away an attack of hiccups. After he had been rescued by two friends, badly burned, he was delighted that the experiment had worked: no hiccups. In the last 15 years of his life, he managed to spend half a million pounds on nothing, which, considering he died in 1796, took a great deal of doing. He died, aged 38, in a debtors' prison.

Barry Cox on the unions' need to go along with reform

Please, no TV shoot-out

The two major broadcasting unions, ACTT and BETA, are holding their annual conferences this weekend. For both unions these will be difficult events.

They will have to decide how to react to the welter of initiatives coming from the ITV companies. In varying degress of radicalism, these initiatives all threaten the structure of agreements, practices and, most crucially, rewards built up over the past 30 years in ITV.

It would be easy to depict the present situation as a farrago of excess and outrage – the alleged £92,000 earned by a TV-am technician covering the Zeebrugge disaster, and so on – which will now be cleaned up because Mrs Thatcher has got her tanks on the lawns of the ITV companies. And, yes, there is a grain of truth in this tabloid picture. With luck, however, most of the ACTT and BETA delegates will carry a subtler version of the existing reality in their heads and will resist the temptation to react wildly to being cast as the villains in this kind of sensational story.

The bedrock agreements in ITV were made 30 years ago when television production was in a primitive phase. Programmes were transmitted live, or "as for live" – that is, recorded on videotape but put out un-edited hours or days later. (Since video in those days had to be edited with a razor blade and sticky tape, it scarcely allowed for more sophisticated kinds of production).

Punitive clauses were inserted in the agreements to discourage the ITV companies from exploiting their workers by making them work unduly long hours or without reasonable breaks.

The nature of television production changed over the years; the agreements didn't. Programmes began to be shot entirely on location, and needed flexibility; the employers had to buy it by paying for the consequences of breaking the penalty clauses.

They needed many hours of editing in post-production suites; there weren't enough of these, so those who worked in them could jack up their earnings by agreeing to break the penalty clauses – and then either delay the building of more editing suites or ensure that when they were built they were staffed in a style appropriate to the old technology but not the new. Agreements designed to prevent exploitation now became effective weapons of plunder.

ITV managers knew what was happening but for years thought themselves powerless to resist it. The 1979 strike, when screens were blank for 11 weeks, demonstrated that the workforce could outlast the management in that kind of confrontation.

Three things have changed. The revenue monopoly is going; next year people will be able to buy up to an additional 12 TV channels from satellite services, most of them carrying advertising; and shortly thereafter there will almost certainly be another terrestrial channel available to the majority of the country, that too financed by advertising.

The production monopoly has gone already; the independent sector created by Channel 4 six years ago is taking over some ITV production now, and will take more and more in the next few years. (One study, done by the economic consultants NERA, suggests that any ITV company that does nothing in the face of these changes will be bankrupt by 1992.)

The ITV companies know they have to change; they also know they can enforce change if they have to. Thames, Ulster and Tyne Tees have shown it is possible to keep transmitting during short-lived strikes; TV-am during long ones.

The unions know all this, which is why they are willing to see reform. The danger this weekend is that they will want to try to negotiate reform nationally, through the ITV Association, rather than allow new local agreements to be thrashed out in individual companies. The decision earlier this week by Tyne Tees unilaterally to leave the national agreements will provide a plausible rallying point for those who want to adopt this tactic.

That would be wrong, not because the ITV companies want to divide and rule, but because such a decision would cut against the grain of what is happening in broadcasting. The companies are more and more becoming rivals and commercial competitors and less and less colleagues in a monolithic system. We *need* different agreements.

The companies already compete with one another to provide programmes to Channel 4, and now also for the ITV "flexipool", the quota of network programmes not made under the guarantees given the five major companies. If they have any sense they will want to compete with one another (and other suppliers) for commissions from the new TV channels. They will have to compete – with one another and with the existing facilities houses – for the production of the programmes they have lost to the independent producers and, if they wish, for non-broadcast work like corporate videos and commercials.

To do this we need to start from the same position as those in the independent sector, not handicapped with the lumber acquired over the past 30 years. The national agreements should cover basic pay, holidays, working hours and a common disputes machinery: after that each to his own: charging premiums for quality, offering discounts for geography or volume, whatever commercial judgement suggests, not what restrictive practices dictate.

ITV is *not* Fleet Street before Wapping. Technology is not wiping out a swathe of jobs and an entire union with it. The shooting and editing skills of the ACTT, the set and costume skills of BETA, will be needed as much as ever. The difference is that in future everyone in ITV will have to earn their rewards rather than rely on the old guarantees to deliver them. This scarcely seems to justify a scenario of violent confrontation.

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Soaking the rich twice over

On Monday the Conservative backbencher Michael Mates will press an amendment to the community charge Bill in the Commons. It panders to the spirit of envy much fanned by some bishops. Non-taxpayers would pay 50 per cent of the community charge; taxpayers on the basic rate 100 per cent; and single persons and couples living together, married or not, would pay 150 per cent instantly their single or combined income attracted £1 of the 40 per cent income tax rate.

This would be chaotic. The four million or so on income support under the Government's scheme will get an 80 per cent rebate on their community charge. Their income support will be increased to enable them to pay the remaining 20 per cent. This increase will be based on the national average community charge. On Thursday Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, announced improvements to the rebate scheme. An extra 1 million will get them and there will be higher rebates for another 4 million. Altogether 9 million people will now benefit from generous rebates with a sliding scale.

Mr Mates' scheme, under which non-taxpayers would have to pay 50 per cent of the community charge, would mean grafting a new and complex scheme on to any rebate system. Most rebate recipients have incomes below the income tax threshold. For them rebates would have to continue: otherwise they would be worse off under Mr Mates' scheme. And even with a combination of rebates and the Mates scheme many would find, on becoming taxpayers, their community charge suddenly leaping to 100 per cent – in some cases an increase of several hundred pounds.

Those who paid one and a half times the community charge would be victims of gross injustice. Even after the last Budget the top 10 per cent of households with the highest incomes will pay around 15 times more for the same local services as the bottom 10 per cent. This is because half of all local expenditure comes from the Government out of taxation already levied on a redistributive basis. Just over a quarter comes from the new business or national non-domestic rates. Less than a quarter comes from local domestic residents.

Mr Mates wants all those with a taxable income of £19,300 and above to suffer further massive redistribution by paying a community charge 50 per cent more than anyone else.

This is a higher earner disincentive trap. The surcharge in high-spending areas would be substantial, rising to £800 a year a head for some: a form of surreptitious local income tax. Treating couples as one would mean around 2 million individuals paying the increased charge. But nationally this piece of socialist-type spite would raise only around £200 million a year and the savings to basic taxpayers paying the normal community charge would not be more than about £5. Mr Mates and his Conservative supporters seem to be in the wrong party.

If local authorities spent no more than the national average the community charge would produce far more gainers than losers at all levels. The arrangements for distributing government grant and business rates will ensure that every council could charge exactly the same for a standard level of services. In 1987/88 this figure would have been £178 per adult. In future this figure, updated, will appear on every person's community charge bill. All will see at once whether their council is levying a community charge higher than it need be. Any variation in spending up or down will be reflected pound for pound in the community charge.

Once community charge payers realize that its level is set not by the Government but by the above-average or low spending of their local council they will vote wasters out and the prudent in. This applies equally to those on income support who can vote against wasteful councils which force them to pay £1 or so a week more than the 20 per cent payment they have received personally to hand to the council and for councils whose prudence lets them keep some of it.

The Liberals and the new and the old SDP denounce the community charge, preferring local income tax to rates. On April 8 Mr Roy Hattersley said Labour's policy is a "new property tax, calculated on capital values . . ." plus "local income tax levelled only at a few pence in the pound . . . in conjunction with a new rating system."

Local income tax? This would mean 402 chancellors of the exchequer, many of them on the extreme left; a prospect too gruesome to contemplate. On average it would increase the rate of income tax by 6p in the pound. But there would be horrific variations. Camden's current expenditure would require local income tax of 25.6 per cent to be added to normal income tax. There would be a mass exodus to next door Barnet where the tax would be 5.9 per cent.

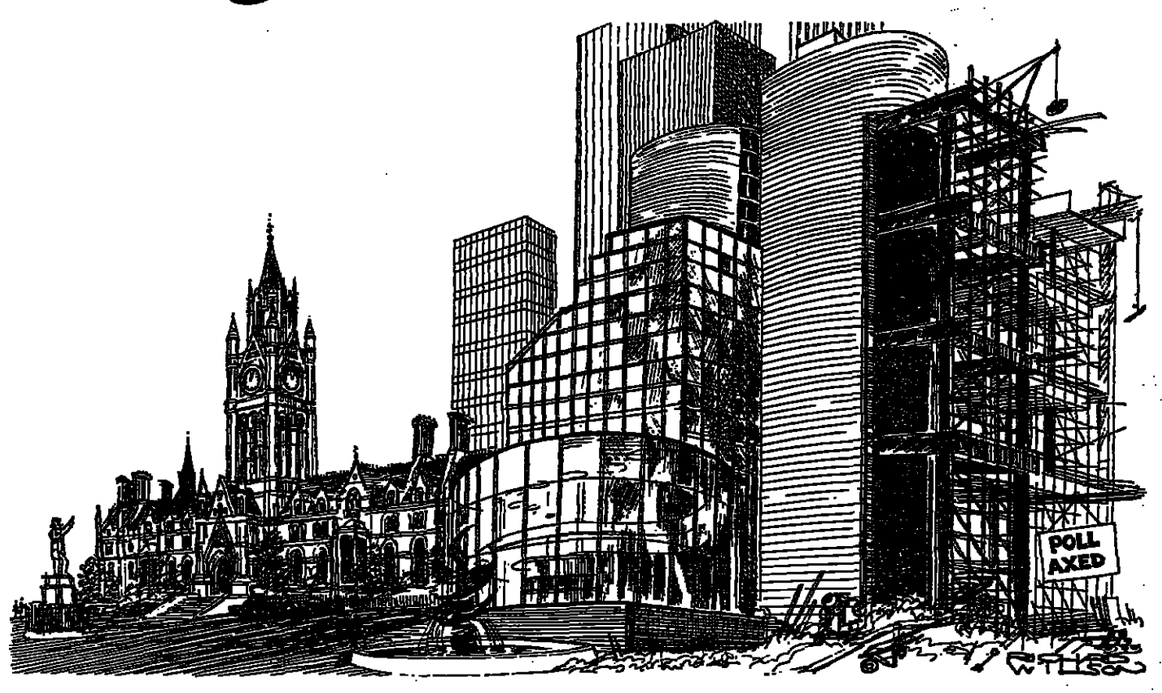
Local income tax for a single adult would have to be vastly in excess of his proposed community charge throughout most of London and other high-spending areas, though a couple might not come to much harm or might be gainers in a few of the low-spending areas, mainly in the Tory shires. However, if there were a local chancellor of the exchequer enjoying the power to present a budget and levy taxes on an unprecedented examination of everyone's income tax returns supplied by the Inland Revenue, I doubt it.

As assessments would take two years to filter through many would find themselves, if their incomes were reduced, paying local income tax on an out-of-date tax set when their income was higher.

Capital revaluation of domestic property is the final refuge of the opponents of the community charge: the last was in 1973. A new one would produce startling results. A couple who lived in a gentrified area in London or elsewhere and had bought or inherited their home years ago when it was worth, say, £20,000 would be clobbered. Their home could be valued at anything from £70,000 to £500,000. Their rates would be many times more than any community charge and those who could not afford them would cruelly have to move away from their roots and their friends to an area where property had not been gentrified.

No scheme for paying for local services could be perfect but the planned community charges for the well off are already so disproportionate that making them higher would be excessively punitive and produce little. The charge on the less well off is reasonable and that on the least well off is nil unless they are unable to force a high-spending council to cut its expenditure to the national average.

The icing on the cake is the new national non-domestic rate and the non-domestic revaluation which will transfer £700 million a year from the richer regions to the poorer, enabling the latter to attract new businesses and reduce unemployment – something that should delight Mr Heseltine.



Commentary • PETER BRIMELOW

Coke on the shelf

New York

During the 1960 US presidential election the Democratic candidate, John F. Kennedy, made loud, indignant noises about the so-called "missile gap" – a dangerous Soviet edge in strategic weapons that the senescent Eisenhower administration had allegedly allowed to develop. This enabled Kennedy to discomfit his Republican opponent, Vice-President Richard Nixon, by outflanking him on the right. After Kennedy won, the missile gap was discovered to be spurious and quietly forgotten.

This year's version of the missile gap is the drug war. The Reagan administration has more than tripled its anti-drug spending to $2.5 billion and has achieved record interceptions and arrests. But still it has been quite unable to stem the flow of illicit drugs. Pitched battles between rival drug dealers – the most murderous are gangs of Jamaican illegal immigrants – have become more horrific and destructive of innocent life, with the worst effects confined to the black ghettoes.

However, the drug issue is currently enjoying one of those periodic 15-minute bursts of elite media attention that are so much a part of the American scene.

Democratic strategists hope that growling fiercely about drug dealers will enable them to unite two components of their traditional electoral coalition, blacks and the white working class, that seem otherwise mutually estranged. The Rev Jesse Jackson's regular anti-drug pieties constitute a major part of his shaky claim to legitimacy. A recent poll suggested that Americans now think that fighting drugs is more important than fighting communism, emboldening the Democrats to smear America's allies in Central America and Afghanistan with charges of drug-dealing.

But it is much less clear what the Democrats can actually do about drugs, beyond spending more federal money subsidizing addicts. Neither they nor anyone else has the stomach for the ruthless measures with which Third World countries suppress the drug trade.

America has lost the drug war, just as earlier in the century, despite Prohibition, it lost the war against alcohol. Although no practising politician will admit it, legalizing drugs is now the only rational option.

Drug use poses two quite separate problems for a society like America. One is the effect on individual users. Anywhere between 2 to 6 million people are supposed to be drug-dependent here, and estimates of yearly drug-related deaths range into the tens of thousands. But at least drug users do it to themselves. And many more deaths are caused each year by the legalized drugs, alcohol and nicotine – an estimated 100,000 and 320,000 respectively.

The second problem is more critical: forcing the drug trade underground puts too much money into criminal hands. Total illicit drug revenues in the US are estimated at a staggering $60-160 billion. Profit margins are thought to be as high as 90 per cent. In any shoot-out with drug smugglers, it is not clear that the US authorities can muster the financial fire-power.

Nor can corruption be prevented. In rural Georgia, where smugglers' light aircraft fly in every night, local sheriffs reportedly have been offered $100,000 bribes for each plane they allow to unload unmolested. This sort of temptation is more than flesh and blood can resist. Corruption cases involving US law enforcement officers now total about 100 a year and are climbing.

Legalization will not eliminate social policy options. Exhortation and peer-group pressure can still be used to reduce drug consumption. After all, these methods seem to be working with tobacco and alcohol.

Policy-makers could also manipulate the pricing of drugs through taxation. Experience with mildly addictive drugs like alcohol suggest that people will pay very high taxes before they revert to bathtub gin, perhaps because dealing with criminals is dangerous and drinking their products can cause your eyeballs to fall out. Making highly addictive drugs cheaper could reduce robberies. Or the price could be kept high to discourage new consumers and those already addicted supplied directly. There would be more money for such subsidies: what was a burden to the Treasury would now be a revenue raiser.

The drugs issue probably won't work for the Democrats in 1988. Domestically, George Bush can outbid by proposing the death penalty for dealers. And a true anti-drug foreign policy would raise embarrassing questions about Castro and other communist leaders on Jesse Jackson's kiss list.

But politics are no substitute for policy. Ultimately, the disagreeable drug reality will have to be faced.

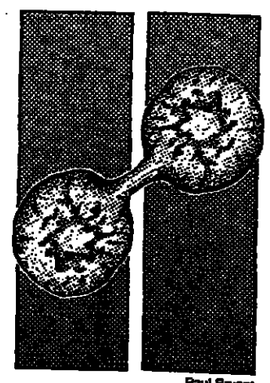
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SCIENCE REPORT

All enveloping

The membranous envelope that surrounds the nucleus of each cell is not just an inert packaging material but plays a central role in the duplication of the chromosomes in the nucleus that accompany cell division. This surprising result, reported in *Nature*, upsets previous assumptions that the nuclear envelope has only a minor part to play.

The control of cell division is a key issue in cancer research, since control malfunctions are the hallmarks of cancer cells. But before understanding the malfunctions, it is necessary to know exactly what goes on inside normal, healthy cells.



Paul Bryant

Dr Julian Blow and Professor Ronald Laskey, working at the Cancer Research Campaign Unit in the Zoology Department at Cambridge University, want to know, in particular, why DNA in chromosomes replicates only once, before stopping. The eventual outcome is two sets of chromosomes, one for each of the pair of daughter cells resulting from single cell division.

To simplify their studies, Blow and Laskey have developed a test-tube version of cell division composed of extracts from the eggs of the African clawed toad, a favourite laboratory animal.

At a particular point in the cell cycle, just after DNA replication but before the whole cell splits in two, the nuclear envelope becomes permeable or even disintegrates. Blow and Laskey find that DNA replication in the test-tube can also not proceed beyond one cycle without such changes in the structure of the nuclear envelope.

Earlier work by Blow had shown that the presence of the nuclear envelope was necessary for DNA replication. But neither of the two existing models of the control of DNA replication explained results in which the humble nuclear envelope played such a starring role.

Instead, Blow came up with a new model of DNA replication which has an elegant simplicity. More importantly, it explains all the results. The breakdown of the nuclear envelope allows a hypothetical biochemical called Licensing Factor (LF) to invade the nucleus.

By the time the nuclear envelope reforms around chromosomes within daughter cells, LF has bound to various parts of the chromosome, allowing the DNA to replicate.

Once the DNA has replicated, the LF cannot be used again and no more fresh LF can get into the nucleus once the nuclear envelope has been reconstituted.

This model explains why, in higher organisms (whose nuclei are constrained by the nuclear envelope), replication is a once-only affair, while in bacteria (which do not have discrete nuclei as such) replication is a continuous, ongoing process.

Possession of discrete nuclei distinguishes higher organisms from bacteria and viruses, so the promotion of the nuclear envelope as a structure of central importance has a kind of natural justice.

Many questions remain unanswered. For example, the initial trigger of nuclear envelope breakdown which lets LF gain entry to the nucleus is still a matter of debate. A possible answer is a protein called Maturation Promoting Factor, a substance already known to be deeply involved in the cell cycle.

Meanwhile, Blow and Laskey continue the search for Licensing Factor. Isolating such a substance poses technical rather than theoretical problems. Because the test tube recipe for DNA replication is quite complicated, with many special ingredients, devising an assay for LF could be difficult. But evidence so far points to it being a protein.

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ROAD BLOCK AHEAD

Since roads are the place of traffic jams and wardens, of clamp, crush, crash, and personal ill-temper, it is perhaps remarkable how little party political passion they have engendered in postwar Britain. For the most part, road programmes set in train by one government have been faithfully carried into effect by another; the regulation of traffic and drivers has sparked little electoral disagreement.

Both main parties have been in their time in favour of motorway boxes around big cities. Both have pumped money into the rail network in the South-east to allow commuters to come to work in the City. Even in this decade, transport policy has (with the exception of Mr Livingstone's schemes) been low in the list of public controversies.

Building the A1-M1 link does not stir the hearts of socialists. The current Conservative Transport Secretary, Mr Paul Channon, can put a large sum of money into the Settle-Carlisle railway line without provoking squalls on his right.

This is a good spirit in which to look to the future, especially the future carriage of people and goods within the conurbation of London. The series of articles in *The Times* this week returned more than once to the stark prediction that road traffic in Britain as a whole will increase by nearly a third in volume by the century's end. Within London commuting by car may rise by some 50 per cent in the 20 years between the beginning of this decade and the year 2000.

Such volumes demand not just imaginative management of the roads, but a deep reservoir of public patience while investment schemes come to fruition. In a congested city no work of repair or reconstruction can be accomplished without major disruption.

There still exists a wide agreement on what needs to be done. Few even on the London left fail now to understand that the more revenue subsidies there are on ticket prices, the less money there is for capital expenditure to expand and modernize capacity on London's rail network. There exists a wide swathe of common ground between them, the current management of London Regional Transport and the Westminster politicians to whom, in the absence of any governing body for London, LRT answers.

What needs to be done, and urgently, is to improve the traffic flow in London – not least to avoid a repetition to the huge jams that have occurred more than once during the last six months and threatened to immobilize the entire central area. New roadside traffic controls, the prospective Autoguide system, and a series of relatively small scale information technology and civil engineering schemes could quickly leave a mark, possibly even squeeze an extra 15 per cent capacity out of the road system.

Every London motorist has a list of the worst bottlenecks, and most of them (having had plenty of time to reflect on the matter while sitting waiting to move) could, if asked, give the engineers suggestions for relief. There is no case, at the moment, to rush into large-scale road-building in the capital, beyond such obvious improvements as the South Circular Road.

What is missing from the Government's approach is a sense that the options for transport in the capital in the 1990s, and especially the balance between commuting by car and by train, are being seriously canvassed. There is indeed a strong suspicion that policy making is left with the various road and rail lobbies, or with their surrogates in the Department of Transport. The auguries for coordination are poor.

The Government has, sometimes inadvertently, shown an antipathy towards public transportation as if it were unaware of the mounting economic disadvantages of private car use in the capital. It is a simple, inescapable fact that London will only be kept on the move, and London's businesses kept alive, by a functioning public transport system.

The key word is system. The Government believes, rightly, that buses do not have to be operated by LRT on every route in the capital. But routes (operated by private contractors) have to mesh; there must be connections between surface and underground links; some central authority needs to delineate new routes and identify areas under-provided with service.

Ultimately, it is only public authority, whether exercised directly by the Department of Transport or delegated to a London transport body, which can take what may have to be the next step in planning London's movement in the next decade: financial or physical deterrence of private cars from the most congested areas. Controversy over clamping indicates how even the public's broad assent to transport policy might be tested by such a development.

Banning cars from areas of the city would not be popular. But the Government really has no option but to start thinking such unpopular thoughts – now.

SALE OF THE CELLARS

The sale by the University of Manchester of certain books from the financially exhausted John Rylands Library has caused widespread indignation. So too has the Government's proposed legislation permitting national museums and galleries to sell works in their collections.

This is wholly understandable. No one likes the idea of selling family heirlooms, even when they are dull, ugly things which very few actually want to see. This has nothing to do with the question. Everyone feels better for knowing that they are in the cellar. Sometimes they are of particular emotional value – when they are in languages we cannot understand, or their acquisition is associated with a romantic legend of piracy or fraud.

One trouble with cellars, however, is their tendency to be damp. Another is that if the family has been distinguished for several centuries by its wealth, power, and artistic taste, after the third century or so the cellars begin to get rather crowded. If you have so much that you no longer even know what you do have, and visit your cellars very infrequently, you may find on your next incursion that time has worked its wicked inartistic way with your priceless bins of art.

This is the trouble, for example, at the British Museum and the Victoria and Albert. Both were accused in the recent report from the National Audit Office of scandalously neglecting the millions of works which lie unexhibited in their collections. Many items are said to be already beyond repair. The task of saving others would swallow more than the museums' entire annual budget.

Meanwhile, there are millionaires in America – and, increasingly, in Asia – who would cheerfully pay fortunes for many of these works, and would exhibit or at least preserve them. Surely, then, the sensible thing would be to sell some of them, for the greater good of the majority?

There are, however, one or two arguments against such sales which are worth considering. In the first place, it is said, this is the primrose path to a time when the Government will reckon that galleries can support themselves by these means, and will cut subsidies still further. Desperate galleries will then start raffling off their treasures to cover current expenses. This would of course be a disaster. The profit from sales must be spent only on purchase of new works or restoration of old ones. The level of state funding should not change in response to sales.

Secondly, it is said, these works must be kept for reasons of scholarship. In the Rylands library case, the books concerned are not "duplicates" in the strictest sense. Scholars need to be able to lay them side by side to study their differences. Scholars, however, have modern reproduction techniques available to them, and in most cases have no choice but to compare works that are thousands of miles apart. They will have to lump it.

Thirdly, it is argued, works have been bequeathed to the museums concerned. To sell them would be illegal, or at least a breach of trust. The answer to this is that not showing works bequeathed is in any case an implicit breach of trust. To sell off the whole of a particular bequest would be wrong. To sell off some of it to save – and be able to display – the rest is quite justifiable. The prospect of such sales might also ensure that givers and receivers pay attention to the costs as well as the benefits of keeping a precious collection intact.

The proceeds of the sales of some of our mouldering "heritage" could enable us to set up more galleries like the splendid "Northern Tate" in Liverpool, or the suggested (but, it seems, financially impossible) Islamic Museum in London for some of the contents of the V and A cellars.

Lastly, it is argued, no one can know at a given time whether in fifty or a hundred years a work now considered minor may not suddenly be recognized as a masterpiece. The example of Turner is cited, who in the 1920s was generally seen as a very second-rate artist. It must be recognized, however, that the works concerned are hardly likely to be destroyed – at least not unless the new owner's heirs bequeath them back to the V and A. They will still be available for study and reproduction.

There should certainly be some reticence about selling works by British artists, or ones by artists few of whose works exist in Britain. But museums cannot possibly hang onto every work of art they possess – especially in view of the tendency of our age to swoon for an ever shorter time over what is fashionable, then wake up and forget about it, leaving last year's masterpiece to lie gathering dust.

The melancholy truth is that Britain acquired many of its art treaures when it was the richest country the world had ever seen. The world now sees many richer – and the finances of museums and galleries reflect this.

Comfort in the air

From Mr F. G. St Clair Strange
Sir, After long flights, many people experience swelling and uncomfortable stiffness of the ankles.

When walking, the heart pumps the blood into the feet and the calf muscles pump it back at each step. When sitting or standing, the heart continues to pump the blood into the feet but the calf pumps are inactive, with consequent swelling of the ankles.

A simple remedy, when flying, is to exercise the ankles by raising the heels as high as possible off the floor a dozen times or so every half hour, or more after sleeping. A dispatch case or a bar under the seat in front for the toes to work on is better still.

A 30-second explanation of this at the end of the safety programme on the screens at the beginning of each long-distance flight would enable a great many passengers to complete their journey much more comfortably and would also reduce the risk of thrombosis.
Yours faithfully,
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Fallen citadel

From the Reverend H. F. Jackson
Sir, I very much enjoyed the article by Richard Bassett on Cetinje, the former capital of Montenegro, in *The Times* of Easter Monday.

However, it is not quite true to say that the royal palace and its museum have been closed for the past six years. It may be closed today, but we toured it in 1985 as part of a fascinating visit to what Mr Bassett rightly describes as "the quaintest royal capital in Europe".

Yours sincerely,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tax relief in lieu of cash benefits

From Professor Ruth Lister
Sir, Your assessment of the Social Security Act (leader, April 12) betrays the same narrow approach to the reform of social security as that which marred the current legislation.

You argue that the numbers dependent upon housing until recently began "to justify the phrase 'the dependent society'". In fact, as the independent review team established to advise the secretary of state pointed out, because of earlier cutbacks, housing benefit was less generous than the previous rent and rate rebate system and did not go as far up the income scale.

The main reason for the big increase in housing benefit expenditure during the 1980s was the Government's policy of reducing direct housing subsidies, thereby increasing local authority rents. This was justified on the grounds that low-income tenants would be protected by housing benefit.

According to the public expenditure White Paper, in 1987-88, about five million people were in receipt of rent rebates and allowances at a cost of £3.6 million. In the same year, well over eight million people were receiving financial support in the form of mortgage interest tax relief at a cost of £4.75 million.

The exclusion of this particular section of the "dependent society" from the social security review's remit was condemned by bodies right across the political spectrum; the Government's own Social Security Advisory Committee considered it essential that a policy designed to target help on those in greatest need should take account of the distribution of mortgage interest tax relief. It is unclear why state support in the form of cash benefits is more conducive to dependency than state support in the form of tax relief.

You also argue that disincentives are inherent in any system of social security. This assumes that social security has to be means-tested; it does not. The disincentive problems now created by a revamped means-tested scheme, purportedly designed to improve incentives, strengthen the case for reducing means-testing to a minimum.

A social security system that targeted according to contingency through improved social insurance and child benefits would help to rescue poor people from the income and savings traps that currently penalise thrift and effort.
Yours faithfully,
RUTH LISTER,
University of Bradford,
School of Applied Social Studies,
Bradford, West Yorkshire.
April 13.

Paying for a bed

From Miss Mary Evans
Sir, As the arguments wage fast and furious about whether or not patients should pay bed and breakfast charges in NHS hospitals, should not people remember that there is one section of the community that has always paid such charges – old age pensioners?

After a pensioner has been in hospital for eight weeks, the pension is docked by a substantial amount. Is this another example of those who, by and large, cannot afford it being the ones required to pay?
Yours faithfully,
MARY EVANS,
The Chestnuts,
14 Station Lane, Cloughton,
Nr Scarborough, North Yorkshire.

Closed shop ballots

From the General Secretary of the Institute of Journalists
Sir, Your leader of March 30 applauds the Government's intention to do something about the closed shop, at last. Amen and hosanna to that.

But does anyone know how many closed shops exist? Since August 14, 1980, ballots should have been held where closed shops obtained to ascertain whether workers wanted to continue them or not, or to set up new ones. Presumably, where no such ballots have been held, any closed shops are illegal.

My inquiry is not an idle one, since the livelihoods of people who belong to a non-TUC union like mine, or to none, may depend upon knowing.

So I asked Acas, but they don't know. Nor does the Certification Officer for Trades Unions. Moreover, neither sees it as the business of Acas or the Certification Officer to find out. That leaves the Secretary of State for Employment, Mr Norman Fowler.

Accordingly, Mr Sydney Chapman, MP, was kind enough to put down a written question asking the Secretary of State what information he has as to the number of union membership agreements or closed shops, approved by ballot, in newspapers, broadcasting and other media since August 14, 1980; and if he will list those media companies where such closed shops currently exist.

The haul was not great. Mr Fowler's stringer, Mr Patrick Nicholls, answered:

My Department does not have direct access to the information requested. We are aware, however, of two such ballots which have taken place since August 14, 1980. One of the ballots reached the required majority for approval, the other did not.

You will be happy to know, Sir, that this question was answered on the very day that your leader on the matter appeared. Perhaps that is a portent.
Yours sincerely,
JOHN HART, General Secretary,
Institute of Journalists,
Suite 2, Dock Offices,
Surrey Quays, Lower Road, SE16.

A censor's touch

From Mr S. St Clair Smallwood
Sir, This morning (April 8) you saw fit to publish a letter from Professor W. G. Forrest of New College, Oxford, who accuses Mrs Thatcher of "destructive nationalism" (whatever that may be), of being devoted to "traditional values", and refers to her "hatred of education". These epithets come under the heading of invective. They are vague, emotive and unworthy of a scholar.

He then goes on to paraphrase Cato, asking, "Is there any law so savage that it translates an intention into an act?"

The answer is, "yes". When I was at preparatory school it was made quite clear to me that the intention to commit a sin, or even the desire to do so, made one morally guilty and stained my soul with the sin as much as if I had indeed committed it. At the time I knew this reasoning to be just and 35 years later I am still sure of it.
Yours faithfully,
S. St CLAIR SMALLWOOD,
11 Gooseacre Lane,
Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

Aglow in Glasgow

From Mr R. C. G. Munton
Sir, With reference to Mr Edward Fennell's article, "All aglow in Glasgow"(April 9)I may say that many a happy hour has been spent "lodged in a dark and dismal bar . . . (glowering) at the world behind a pint of 'heavy'". However I cannot recall Blythswood Square in Glasgow ever being "an honest-to-goodness slum".

Everything is relative in this world, and perhaps during the same years in which Mr Fennell regarded Blythswood Square as an honest-to-goodness slum, he would concede that Belgravia was a deprived area.

I am sure that it will come as a great surprise to many of my fellow practitioners that they should be "anxious to snap out of the slightly dozy torpor which has been the reputation of Glasgow lawyers". Perhaps the dozy torpor has been induced by over-indulgence in the aforementioned pints of heavy.

Few professionals would survive if they failed to take on new challenges. The patronising manner of Mr Fennell's article detracted from its basically interesting content. One thing which will never change in Glasgow is that few would call a shovel a gardening implement; so cut the flannel, Mr Fennell.
Yours etc,
RONNIE MUNTON,
Wilson Chalmers & Hendry
(Solicitors and notaries),
33A Gordon Street, Glasgow.

Appreciating mothers

From Ms Angela C. Littler
Sir, You report (Wednesday Page, April 6) that a recent advertising survey describes mums-with-careers as "Optimums". Surely, however good they are at mothering, they are more like "Minimums", since they spend far less time with their children than their career-less counterparts?

I suggest that "Optimums" are mums who have opted for a full-time motherhood despite the attractions of a rewarding and interesting career – a quick survey among my friends, for example, produces an ex-barrister, ex-teacher, ex-publishing director, ex-physiotherapist, ex-artist and ex-Civil Servant.

These "Optimums" aspire to be "Maximums" when round-the-clock child care ceases, spending the maximum amount of time with their children while using their "own time" as fruitfully as they can.

My daughter has coined the terms "Magimums" and "Megamums". We think Magimums are gee-whizz cooks. Any suggestions for Megamums?
Yours faithfully,
ANGELA C. LITTLER,
Charthurst,
Chart Lane, Brasted,
Westerham, Kent.
April 9.

Students' unions

From Mr Matt Cole
Sir, Messrs Boyson and McWhirter assert (April 12) that "students do not want the national voice of NUS", which they allege to be controlled by "young and not-so-young Marxists", and therefore ripe for being dismantled by clause 32 of the education Bill.

As a 23-year-old member of last year's NUS executive, elected on an SDP ticket to a body chosen by a conference of delegates who were also democratically elected, I regard this assertion as misinformed.

The NUS cannot offer individual membership to students, as Mr Boyson would like, because the services it provides – staff training, welfare and campaign advice, and so on – are given to college unions, not individuals. It is those unions who affiliate to NUS, by joint decision of their own members. Members can pull their college out any time they like: they consistently vote overwhelmingly to stay in.
Yours faithfully,
MATT COLE,
Emmanuel House,
Haverbreaks, Lancaster.
April 12.

Litter that falls between two stools

From Mr Richard Terrell
Sir, I was very glad to read Robin Oakley's "Muck and muddle" (Commentary, April 11).

Here in Camden the distribution of litter is universal. The director of works is responsible for public cleansing, but his task is an impossible one. An important difficulty appears to be a curious gap in the law. Much of the litter is dropped in private or public gardens or parks, between the railings of vacant premises along the pavements, into containers for ornamental trees or bushes, or into any areas of waste land.

There is no legal obligation on the part of any public or private authority or individual to remove any such litter unless, under a section of the Public Health Act of 1949, the local health department takes the view that the litter presents a danger to public health, say from rats or mice. Mere unsightliness affords no ground for action.

If a danger to health is found to exist, the appropriate authority or individual may be ordered to remove the litter and otherwise deal with the danger. Perhaps a closure of the legal gap would help, but the practical task, at this stage, is now very formidable.

It is always possible for people (a) to avoid dropping litter anywhere and to punish children for doing so and (b) occasionally to pick up odd bits of litter and drop them into the nearest bin available. I do so myself almost every day, feeling most eccentric whilst doing so. However, eccentricity has never for long been lacking in this odd part of the world.
Yours faithfully,
RICHARD TERRELL,
7 Chester Court,
Lissenden Gardens, NW5.
April 11.

From Mr M. Goldstone
Sir, I read with interest the commentary of Robin Oakley. I agree with him that the implementation of existing litter law remains a farce.

A few weeks ago I took my young son into MacDonald's, in Romford, as he seems to thrive on a Big Mac now and again. There were literally hundreds of take-away cartons strewn all over the pavements and gutters. I asked the manager why on earth he did not send out some of his staff, say once an hour, to collect all the garbage. He told me that since one of his staff was stabbed whilst picking up some cartons and others of his staff are regularly threatened, he now does the clean-up operation only once a day.

Perhaps you could pass the problem on to Bernard Levin who, I am sure, would come up with a better answer than I have failed miserably so to do.
Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL GOLDSTONE,
24 Eleven Acre Rise,
Loughton, Essex.

From Mrs C. D. Wood
Sir, In the beautiful (and litter-free) city of Dubrovnic, the street cleaners will fine you if you are caught in the messy British habit of dropping litter in a public place. Half the fine is retained by them and the other half paid to the city fathers.

So simple a sample of private enterprise is surely worth imitating?
Yours etc,
DOROTHY WOOD,
26 Kennerley Avenue,
Exeter, Devon.

Gagging the IRA

From Mr Conor Ryan
Sir, Dr Conor Cruise O'Brien (April 6) is mistaken if he believes that the ban on IRA appearances which he introduced in the Republic of Ireland has cut off a vital avenue of propaganda. Indeed, if anything, it has created a new one.

Since his introduction of Section 31 of the Irish Broadcasting Act in 1975, the IRA and their political wing, Sinn Fein, have had acres of positive and sympathetic publicity in the Irish media about the censorship inherent in his measure. Irish newspaper columnists regularly devote their pieces to it – and martyrs are created among those who deliberately defy it.

No more than the banning of *Spycatcher* or the rather overblown nonsense over mediocre BBC TV programmes like *Real Lives*, the exclusion of Gerry Adams and other elected Sinn Fein members from British screens would merely create martyrs abroad. While both the Irish and British governments are seeking to sell the Anglo-Irish Agreement in the United States and to starve Noraid of funds, it would be an exercise of the utmost folly.
Yours faithfully,
CONOR RYAN,
77 Ashbourne Road,
Mitcham, Surrey.

Voices unto the Lord

From Mr Frank Steele
Sir, Unlike Mr Ben Harte's birds in New York (April 4), the birds in this part of Westminster appear to favour Protestantism. The western side of our flat looks across the front of Westminster Cathedral (Roman Catholic) and our eastern side faces towards Westminster Abbey (Protestant), though it is half a mile away.

Despite the greater distance of the abbey and the efforts of the pigeons in the piazza outside the cathedral, the sparrows which feed in the window boxes on our western (Catholic) balcony and the occasional pigeon which tries to rest in them, the bird song on our eastern (Protestant) side is much more varied, tuneful and loud. The geese which occasionally in the early mornings honk along Victoria Street immediately to our north seem to be neutral.

However, before any Protestant should be so unecumenical as to rejoice at the apparently superior attractions of the Protestant abbey over the Catholic cathedral, I should comment that there are many more trees and shrubs outside our eastern (Protestant) windows than the four trees in the cathedral piazza.
Yours faithfully,
FRANK STEELE,
9 Ashley Gardens, SW1.

From Mr Roland D. Clarke
Sir, I was interested to read Ben Harte's letter (April 4). I formerly lived for 30 years in Flood Street, Chelsea, and can clearly remember the hooting of owls in the neighbourhood. The nearest church was Christ Church (Anglican).

I now live next door to the Hurlingham Club in Fulham and the screeching of peacocks can be frequently heard. The Hurlingham Club is about equidistant from the Catholic church of the Holy Cross and the Anglican church of All Saints. Clearly, peacocks are ecumenical.
Yours faithfully,
ROLAND D. CLARKE,
150 Rivermead Court,
Ranelagh Gardens, SW6.

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ROME AND NAPLES.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

NAPLES, April 10.

Rome has been fuller this winter than it has been for many years, which is far from being a fulfilment of the clerical prophecy uttered in 1870. At that time it was predicted that the city of the Popes would be deserted by foreigners, whose principal attraction was the gorgeous ceremonies of St. Peter's. Notwithstanding, however, that these have been suspended and that Pius IX. has been a *soi-disant* prisoner in the Vatican, the rush from the North has been greater than ever, showing that the mild temperature of Rome, its classical associations, and its Museums, all of which can now be enjoyed in a free country, were the causes of the annual invasion. The capital is now, and has been for some time, pouring down its thousands on its sister city, Naples, too, was never fuller than it has been this year, and of late the Russians have contributed a large quota of our visitors, and added much to the *prestige* of Naples and Sorrento. . . .

Verdi leaves Naples to-day after a series of ovations such as has scarcely been given to patriot or King. On Saturday *Aida* was performed for the last time under his special direction, and furious as was the enthusiasm which the "*maestro*" received on other occasions it was exceeded by the tempest of last Saturday. To say nothing of what occurred within the house, on his leaving it two lines of persons were discovered, bearing torches in their hands, which extended from San Carlo to his hotel in Chiatamone. It was a difficult matter for him to enter his carriage, so great was the pressure of friends and admirers, and when he did so, many of those carrying torches followed him in cabs, while a long line of carriages, filled by ladies and others of the audience, accompanied him. This, however, was not sufficient, for many well-dressed persons in the crowd insisted on taking the horses out of the shafts, and then drawing the "*Gran Maestro*," as he is called, to his hotel. Here a band of the National Guard was stationed, and the shouts of the crowd were so continuous that Verdi was compelled to show himself at the balcony 17 times according to correct calculations. During the last few days he has, of course, been overwhelmed by visitors and cards, and Verdi will leave to-day as the man whom Naples has delighted to honour more almost than her political saviours. The Impresario Musella, too, has won his laurels, and whereas last year at this time he was covered with abuse, he is now exalted, if not to the Seventh, at least, to the Sixth, Heaven. In which celestial compartment to place Madame Stolz or Madame Waldmame it would be difficult to say. *Aida* has certainly been presented to a Neapolitan audience with splendid effect, and by a brilliant company, and the financial results have been satisfactory. On the first four nights the receipts amounted to 48,000 lire, and on the last occasion to 11,195 lire. It has now been performed six times, and, though Verdi was not present on the last two occasions, it seems to grow in public favour. An excursion train is expected from Rome with some hundreds of persons to hear the great opera. It is to arrive in time for the performance, and will leave again at 2 in the morning. Who would have dreamt of such a feat a quarter of a century ago, when one left Rome by the *diligenza* early in the morning of one day and arrived in Naples in the afternoon or evening of the next day? It is satisfactory to witness marks of progress on every side.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 15: The King of Norway, with the Norwegian Suite in attendance, left Windsor Castle this morning upon the conclusion of the State Visit to The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

The Princess Royal this morning named and launched HMS Talent, the sixth of the Royal Navy's Trafalgar Class of Hunter Killer Nuclear Fleet submarines, at Vickers Shipyard, Barrow-in-Furness.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cumbria (Sir Charles Graham, Bt), the Lord Chalfont (Non Executive Chairman of VSEL Consortium) and the Controller of the Navy (Vice-Admiral Sir Derek Reffell).

The Princess Royal and Captain Mark Phillips this evening attended an Anniversary Dinner to celebrate the formation of the Thames Valley Police at the Thames Valley Training School, Sulhamstead.

Her Royal Highness and Captain Mark Phillips were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire (Colonel the Hon Gordon Palmer) and the Chief Constable, Thames Valley Police (Mr Colin Smith).

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Earl of Airlie (Lord Chamberlain) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon upon the departure of The King of Norway and bade farewell to His Majesty on behalf of Her Majesty.

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 15: Lieutenant-Colonel Derek Lawrence-Brown today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, The King's Regiment, upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer of the 5th/8th Battalion.

Lieutenant-Colonel Roger Hislop also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming his appointment as Commanding Officer of the 5th/8th Battalion, The King's Regiment.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 15: The Prince of Wales this morning at Kensington Palace received Dr T. H. B. Symons (the Vanier Professor Trent University Canada, Chairman of the 75th Anniversary of the Association of Commonwealth Universities).

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince's Trust, later visited the Work, Sport and Leisure Seminar Week at Ladbroke's Holiday Super Centre, Caister on Sea, Norfolk.

The Prince of Wales subsequently visited Caister Lifeboat Station.

His Royal Highness, attended by Mr David Wright and Major Christopher Lavender, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, Gloucestershire County Cricket Club, this evening attended a Gala Performance of *Song and Dance* at the Bristol Hippodrome.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Commander Richard Aylard, RN were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 15: The Duchess of Gloucester, President of Oundle Festival of Music and Drama, was present this evening at the Singers' "Workshop" at the Music School, Oundle, Northamptonshire.

The Queen of Denmark celebrates her birthday today.

Meeting

Franco-British Society
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress were the guests of honour at a meeting of the Franco-British Society held last night at Guildhall. Mr James Hadley, chairman, presided and the Marquess of Lansdowne, president, also spoke. M Olivier Chevrillon, Directeur des Musees de France, was the guest speaker and the French Ambassador was among others present.

Anthony Baxter

Reflections on the risen Christ

For Christians, how should the risen Christ be conceived? And what is to be seen as the importance for people of Jesus's resurrection? Care is needed, lest matters here be understated.

One way of thinking in faith about Jesus is this: Jesus is in the same kind of relationship with God that God purposes for all human beings. At Jesus's death, God did not allow him simply to be annihilated. Rather, God lovingly drew him through death to God himself, to heaven where Jesus, as a whole person, is alive. What occurs to Jesus beyond death comprises an instance of what can occur to all beyond death.

For this way of thinking, the risen Jesus is an individual human being on a track running parallel to the tracks other human individuals, including ourselves, are on. But Jesus is ahead of us earthly pilgrims, and has already reached that fullness which forms the destination of a journey upon which we are still labouring. Our hope is ultimately, by God's grace, to enjoy a risen life similar to Jesus's.

Where God's raising Jesus is conceived thus, attention tends to focus on two sets of factors. On the one hand, how certain human beings came to hold that God had so raised Jesus. On the other, what the resurrection of Jesus reveals about the God who did the raising, and about this God's relations with our world.

As regards how people came to believe that God had raised Jesus, reconstructions may be advanced of what lies behind the appearance-of-Jesus narratives in the New Testament. Many commentators today link such reconstructions both with certain first-century Jewish expectations of a general resurrection of the dead, and with possible widespread affirmations that there exists a God who gives life to human beings beyond the grave.

Also involved here can be examination of the New Testament narratives about the tomb into which Jesus's corpse was put, being later found empty.

Various possible scenarios can be appraised. Such inquiries are distinct from assessment of whether being a whole human person with God after death, the same person as on earth but transformed, itself entails presence of some of the matter which, for example, at death formed the earthly body.

Jesus of Nazareth taught and lived out various practical values, which challenged familiar tendencies of earthly powers. He trusted that he, and the values, would be vindicated by God. God's action in raising Jesus and displaying the raised Jesus to others comprised such vindication. God therein confirmed that the values of Jesus are indeed God's values, and ones we in our turn should espouse. If we do, we may confidently hope to be upheld also by God.

Jesus of Nazareth made more elaborate claims about God's coming Kingdom, and about his own place in things. God's vindication extends to these claims.

The persons in Palestine who received appearances of the raised Jesus already envisaged that there would be a definitive End-time, at which God's glory and power would be fully manifest, and when the dead would be raised. On seeing the raised Jesus, they said to themselves: "This is an instance of God raising the dead. That occurs only at the End. Thus the End has begun."

Our lives and our world are not closed systems, but open to God's power and God's continual creation of fresh opportunities, even amidst sombre human circumstances. Now the above broad style of portraying the mode, and importance, of Jesus's risen life contains valuable insights. It should be developed. Yet there is another, complementary, style of portrayal which also calls for notice.

After Jesus's death, and the associated demoralization of his closest companions, there came to be crystallized among those companions, plus an expanding number of followers, some striking convictions, reached somehow on the basis of their experience. The convictions were not only that Jesus has been raised, and again that redemption and newness are now available to people accepting his mesage. The convictions included that Jesus, distinctively, is to peole following him the key ongoing source or medium of divine grace, power, forgiveness: of 'salvation'.

Paul appears to have been impelled to think of Christ as one in whose death and risen life other people could share, and be caught up. Acts, Hebrews, 1 Peter and the Johannine writings on their face seem more to depict the risen Christ as an exalted individual. Yet even here, Christ, relating to the divine Father, is seen as actively engaged with people on earth, and his saving work turns on this.

Modern expressions of Christian faith should retain and devleop this vein of thought, despite the difficulties in lucidly grasping what is at stake. Jesus is not just an individual on a track parallel to ours. We can be embraced within the life of the crucified but risen Christ, in his relationship with the Father. Thereby — not through our own resources — we can be changed, drawn towards the fullness God purposes. ('We' here does not ultimately mean just 'Christians'.)

Hence to the eyes of faith, the importance of Jesus is not simply that Jesus's earthly life plus resurrection appearances provide a window on to, a disclosure of, a reality, namely God in his dealings with the human race, from which Jesus himself is in principle detached.

Jesus is not merely a herald or prophet. Our relations with the earthly life, death and resurrection of Jesus are such that Jesus plays an intrinsic casual role in the reality of God's dealings with our race, of salvation, and of the End-time: while also serving to reveal that reality.

Father Baxter is lecturer in systematic theology at Heythrop College, University of London.

THE THYSSEN MASTERPIECES



Portrait of precision

Detail from Portrait of a Man, by Antonello da Messina (c1430-1479): Although a Sicilian by birth, he learned his art in Naples and made his name in Venice.

The sharply lit face against a dark background is a device he used to great effect, combined with the painstaking attention to detail (even the stubble of his beard has been carefully delineated, almost hair by hair).

Mr David Ekserdjian, the author of the exhibition catalogue, writes: "It was the clarity, directness and precision of portraits such as this that were to influence Antonello's contemporary, Giovanni Bellini, and ultimately even those giants of the next generation in Venice, Giorgione and Titian".

The portrait is one of those on show in the Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection, sponsored by The Times, at the Royal Academy until June 12.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.P.M. Craig
and Miss F.A. Roberts
The engagement is announced between James, son of Sir James Craig, of Pimlico, London, and Lady Craig, of Headington, Oxford, and Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Roberts, of Mayals, Swansea.

Mr J. Fern
and Miss K.P. Burnford
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, youngest son of Mr and Mrs K.A. Fern, of Carshalton, Surrey, and Katharine, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs A.M. Burnford, of Barley, Hertfordshire.

Mr J.W. Hackett
and Miss L.S. Carr
The engagement is announced between Jon Winthrop, son of Mr and Mrs John W. Hackett, of Hereford, and Lucinda Shaun (Cid), youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Neale Carr, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Mr B.S. Hutton
and Miss P. Greenwood
The engagement is announced between Barry Stephen, elder son of Mr and Mrs W.S. Hutton, of Scarborough, Yorkshire, and Pamela, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R. Greenwood, of Croydon, Surrey.

Mr A.J. McCormack
and Miss P.J. Bower
The engagement is announced between Adam, younger son of Mr and Mrs John T. McCormack, of Kirby Muxloe, Leicestershire, and Penny, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin C.F. Bower, also of Kirby Muxloe, Leicestershire.

Mr G.O. May
and Miss C.A. Buchanan-Dunlop
The engagement is announced between George, younger son of Lieutenant Colonel D.O. May and the late Mrs V.R. May, of Kyrenia, Cyprus, and Amanda, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Buchanan-Dunlop, of Skiathos, Greece.

Mr A.C.M. Moncrieff
and Miss N.K. Patterson
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs A.M. Moncrieff, of Westbrook, Bosham, Sussex, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.G. Patterson, of Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire.

Mr N.A. Rigg
and Miss J.M.A. MacDonnell
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Nigel Rigg, of Forest Row, Sussex, and Hong Kong, and Jane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Daniel MacDonnell, of Goring-by-Sea, Sussex.

Mr I. Simpson
and Mrs K.H. Blood
The engagement is announced between Ian Simpson, of Hayfield, Derbyshire, and Karen Holland Blood, of Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire.

Mr R.S.A. Simpson
and Miss C.E. Brett
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Simpson, of Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs Tony Brett, of Gosbeck, Suffolk.

Mr D.H.T. Smith
and Miss S.K. Meade
The engagement is announced between Dominic, younger son of Mr and Mrs T.C.H. Smith, of Dartford, Kent, and Siobhan, younger daughter of the late Mr M.J. Meade and of Mrs B.M. Meade, of Welling, Kent.

Mr W.G.H. Thatcher
and Miss A.M. Murphy
The engagement is announced between William, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Charles Thatcher, of Over Worton, Middle Barton, Oxfordshire, and Angela, only daughter of Mrs Marion Murphy, of Douai School, Woolhampton, Berkshire, and Kirby Lonsdale, Cumbria, and the late Dr Daniel Murphy, of Wigan, Lancashire.

Mr J.M. Yallop
and Miss R.J. Moore
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs H.J. Yallop, of Farway, Devon, and Rosemary, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R.K. Moore, of Wadesmill, Hertfordshire.

Marriages

Sir Foley Newns
and Mrs B. Wattles
The marriage took place in the Chapel of St Catharine's College, Cambridge, on April 9, 1988, between Sir Foley Newns and Mrs Beryl Wattles.

Dr T.R. Hands
and Miss J.E.M. Smart
The marriage took place in The Chapel of Our Lady Undercroft, Canterbury Cathedral, on Saturday, April 9, 1988, between Dr Timothy Hands, son of Mr and Mrs R.K. Hands, of Putney, London, and Miss Jane Smart, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.M. Smart, of Wootton, Woodstock. Canon Anthony Phillips officiated, assisted by The Rev Peter Geldard and the Rev Leonard Wallace Doolan.

The reception was held at The King's School and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr P.M. Dorahy
and Miss E.L. Ecroyd
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 9, at St Mary's Church, High Hesket, Cumbria, of Mr Paul Dorahy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Dorahy, of Rose Bay, Sydney, Australia, to Miss Emma Ecroyd, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Ecroyd, of Low House Armathwaite, Cumbria. The Rev David Crook officiated assisted by Father Thomas Walsh.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Talitha Rootes, Annabel Rootes, Sarah Corbett and William Emerson. Mr Andrew Dorahy was best man.

Memorial service

Air Vice-Marshal M.H. LeBas
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Air Vice-Marshal Michael LeBas was held yesterday at St Clement Danes, Strand. The Rev M.J. Stokes, RAF, officiated.

Air Vice-Marshal J.E. Johnson read the lesson and Squardon Leader C.B. LeBas, son, read *High Flight* by Pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee. Marshal of the RAF Sir Michael Beetham gave an address. Among others present were:

Mrs LeBas (widow), Miss M LeBas (daughter), Mrs C B LeBas (daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs G Davison (brother-in-law and sister), Miss S Davison, Mrs B Bell, Mr F LeBas.

The Right Rev Leonard Ashton, the Right Rev F W Cocks, Lord Boardman, Marshal of the RAF Sir John Grandy, General Sir Charles and Lady Harington, Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher and Lady Foxley-Norris, Air Chief Marshal Sir Alastair Steedman (controller, RAF Benevolent Fund), Air Chief Marshal Sir Neville and Lady Stack, Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis and Lady Hodges, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraclough, Air Chief Marshal Sir Kenneth and Lady Cross, Air Chief Marshal Sir David Evans, Air Chief Marshal Sir David Craig (Chief of the Air Staff), Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Rosier, Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil Wheeler, Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian and Lady Burnett, Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Kennedy, Air Chief Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst.

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Major-General and Mrs B Penfold, Major-General W G S Mills, Air Vice-Marshal A Maisner, Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs M D Lyne, Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs A Bentley, Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs F Dodd, Air Vice-Marshal Johnnie Johnson, Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs David Scott-Malden, Brigadier Anne Field, Air Commodore and Mrs E Stockwell, Air Commodore Philippa Marshall, Air Commodore R M Jolly, Air Commodore R Wyndham, Mrs H Wilson, Mr and Mrs William Hare, Mrs J Patridge, Mr Peter Dimmock, Mr James Duke, Mr J Ladenburg, Mr S Ladenburg, Mr M Ladenburg, Mrs R H Edwardes-Jones, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Gordon Rivlin, Mr Alexander Beetham, Mr and Mrs Neville Dunn, and Mr David Norman (Windsor Hill Shoot).

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OBITUARY

KENNETH WILLIAMS

Comedian of many colours

Kenneth Williams, comedian and actor, died yesterday, at the age of 62.

He was natural comedian: a chameleon of speech (in which he was most influenced by Noël Coward) and a brilliant raconteur often given to outraged facial distortions as though suddenly exposed to a leaking drain. His humour was awash with camp and jokes of the dubious kind – all bloomers and army medical examinations, which died in the music halls only to be revived on television.

He will, perhaps, be most remembered for his many *Carry On* films – exercises in wholesome vulgarity, adenoidal whinnying, and the *double entendre*, all served up in generous dollops. Smut, like beauty, was in the eye of the beholder.

Kenneth Williams was born on London's Caledonian Road on February 22, 1926. Early in his childhood the family moved to a flat over a hairdressing shop in Bloomsbury. He went to LCC schools where, as he recalled, his scholastic achievements were "non-existent".

His father, a strict Methodist and van driver with the London, Midland and Scottish Railway, insisted that he learn a trade, and, at the age of 14, he became an apprentice to a cartographer.

During the war, and at the age of 18, he joined the Army and was assigned to make maps for the Royal Engineers. It was while in the Army, feeling "very small and inferior", that he discovered his gift for making people laugh. But people kept telling him to get his knees brown. "Get your knees brown!" they'd say.

He was transferred to Combined Services Entertainment, touring Malaya and Burma, and fetching up at the Victoria Theatre, Singapore. He and



Stanley Baxter were put on as a double act.

By now, he was discovering that, if he got up on the stage, he could make them shut up and look. He believed that his impressions of women were quite good, until the colonel said, "You're an embarrassment", and Williams went into the wings, and wept. He was told that it would be better in Kuala Lumpur, but it never was.

Back in London in civvies after the war, plagued by the fear of poverty which never left him, he thought it best to return to draughtsmanship. But he found the office routine unbearable. He subsisted for a time on a rapidly dwindling Army gratuity and sat alone in his room listening to the gramaphone. He wrote to all the provincial repertories, and at last was given a job in Newquay. The experience there stood him in good stead – Shaw, Ibsen, Wilde.

He was Slightly in *Peter Pan* with Brenda Bruce; appeared in *Saint Joan* at the Old Vic; and took the West End lead in the revue *Share My Lettuce* – one performance of which had to be cancelled after he overslept. Orson Welles directed him in *Moby Dick*, but Williams declined his offer to go to America. "You will tread the road to oblivion". Welles intoned. Ooooh, how dreadful, thought Williams.

He was a friend of Joe Orton who wrote *Loot* for him and which he directed at the Lyric, Hammersmith, in 1980. But he did not, he confessed, belong to the *Hamlet* brigade.

Listeners first got to know him well in *Beyond Our Ken* and *Hancock's Half-Hour*, and, later, in *Round the Horne* and *Just a Minute*. A younger audience avidly followed his story-telling in *Jackanory*, and wrote to tell him so.

On television, he got his own show, and also presented *International Cabaret*. He was his usual wildly outrageous self, but the material was woefully thin.

Kenneth Williams was, as the clichés go, an intensely private man and a confirmed bachelor. He religously kept a diary since he was a boy, tempered and expurgated extracts from which went to fill his autobiography, *Just Williams*, and his several other anecdotal books.

He was devoted to a small circle of friends, and to his mother. He was a clown by choice, and an extremely gifted clown at that, who only appeared not to take himself seriously.

He was a self-educated man with a passion for reading, mainly biography and history. He studied gothic calligraphy and illuminated manuscripts, and enjoyed Brahms and Schumann. He read poetry and admired Erich Heller as the critic who most lovingly made the pleasures of German literature available to one who did not understand German.

Like many in his laugh-making profession, he seemed to live under a cloud; but even not to know him was to like him.

MR HARRY McSHANE

Mr Harry McShane, the last link with the stormy period known as the "Revolt on the Clyde", died in Glasgow on April 12. He was 96. Both the duration and intensity of his involvement stand out in the annals of working class politics. He started activity way back in 1908 and continued uninterrupted for eighty years.

During the First World War he was an engineer at Parkhead Forge. There, he was elected shop steward delegate to the Clyde Workers' Committee. In these capacities he participated in all the various industrial disputes.

These included the 40-hour strike of 1919, which the government of the day thought might presage the beginning of a British revolution. It swiftly dispatched soldiers and tanks to beleaguered Glasgow. The strike was crushed, some of the leaders were imprisoned, while others lost their jobs.

McShane, himself out of work, joined what was known as the Tramp Trust Unlimited. This was a small group of unemployed people led by Scotland's foremost Marxist, John Maclean, which went round the countryside spreading ideas of militant socialism. Extraordinarily large crowds attended its meetings and impressive numbers of pamphlets were sold.

But, with the formation of the Communist Party, the two men fell out. McShane joined; Maclean did not.

For 30 years McShane remained a loyal member of the Communist Party. In the inter-war years he was the main Scottish spokesman of the Communist Party-led unemployed workers movement. It was responsible for the hunger marches which sought to draw public attention to the plight of those on the dole and the unfair discrimination of the means test.

With the Second World War and full employment, McShane (who had been briefly married in the 1920s) turned to journalism, joining the staff of the *Daily Worker*.

In 1953, however, he developed fundamental differences with the Party.

Influenced by the American academic Rea Dunayevskaya he came to the conclusion that the Soviet Union was an exploitive society, not unlike Western capitalism. Expressing a belief in Marxist humanism, he believed that workers had nothing to gain from supporting either Washington or Moscow. For a short time, along with Eric Heffer, he published a journal called



Poverty March to London, 1934: McShane (left) discussing tactics with Mr John McGovern, MP

Revolt in which he expressed this view.

Whatever people thought of his politics, nobody could doubt McShane's dedication and sincerity. At the age of 61 he left his job on the *Daily Worker* and returned to the rough, tough life of the shipyards to work as an engineer. He soon gained the reputation as being the scourge of the Communist Party, which he thought was too respectable.

Remarkably, almost to the end of his life, he remained active. In his eighties he wrote pamphlets, lectured at Saskatchewan University, and took part in "Right to Work" marches.

In his nineties, controversy still clung to him. On one occasion a few clergymen unsuccessfully moved a resolution at the Scottish General Synod trying to evict him from the Church of Scotland nursing home where he lived. They considered it wrong that somebody who was an avowed atheist should be a resident there.

On another occasion, he supported the staff of the nursing home when they had an industrial dispute with the management. He even addressed last year's May Day rally in Glasgow.

Harry McShane was a kindly man with a sense of humour. He told with relish how the Lord Provost of Glasgow complained that he had cost the rate payers a large sum of money – first, when he led the unemployed, there was the cost of the police to keep him out of the city hall; then, years later, once he gained admission, there was the expense of the banquet to make him a Freeman of the City.

The banquet was characteristic of McShane's unflagging spirit. The red flag flew over Glasgow City Chambers; there was no loyal toast at the lunch; and instead of the National Anthem the guests sang "I belong to Glasgow".

McShane never did use his Freeman's privilege to graze his sheep on Glasgow Green.

PROFESSOR NORMAN LEWIS

Professor Norman Lewis, the first professor of mediaeval history at Sheffield University, died on March 28. He was 91.

His work was in three main fields: the history of Parliament in the Middle Ages; the reign of Richard II; and the significance of the indenture system in the raising of a mediaeval English army. In these spheres his contribution, mainly in articles to learned journals, is authoritative.

Norman Bache Lewis was born on November 8, 1896. During the Great War he served in the Royal Field Artillery before going to Manchester University, graduating in 1921.

In 1924, he moved to Sheffield where he remained until his retirement, in 1962. He became professor of mediaeval history in 1959.

He seldom missed a meeting of the Sheffield branch of the Historical Association. The last of many articles appeared in the *English Historical Review* when he was 88. Until just before his death he had been working on an edition of indentures of retinues in peace and war from 1292 to 1327.

In his own life, Lewis suffered more than one appalling setback. His wife, his son and his daughter predeceased him. Nonetheless, he retained his characteristic charm and his orderly thoroughness. He was the most gentle of men and an indefatigable walker.

During his last years, in Canterbury, he was cared for by his son-in-law and other relatives.

Camilla Ravera, an eloquent spokeswoman for women's rights and one of the founders of Italy's Communist Party, died in Rome on April 14. She was 98.

She was the first woman to be elected to the Italian Senate, and remained active in Italian politics until 1983.

She was arrested in 1930 for anti-fascist activities and was sentenced to 15 years in prison. She served five years in gaol and eight in internal exile. She was freed after the Allied invasion.

Although she had been one of the founders of Italy's Communist Party, she was expelled in 1943 after criticising Stalin and the 1939 Soviet pact with the Nazis. She was reinstated in the party in the 1950s.

She had been a close friend of former socialist President Pertini, who nominated her for the honor of senator for life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

Behold, I come quickly: ghold that fast which thou hast, that no man take my crown.
Revelation 3:11

BIRTHS

BLINCOW - On March 24th, 1988, to Anne (née Wallmeyer) and Nigel, a son Philip Josef James.

BURNETT SHIPP - On April 14th, to Joanna and Nicholas, a daughter.

BURRIDGE - On April 14th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Emma (née Binney) and Tony, a son James Anthony.

COHEN - On April 15th 1988, to Sue (née Watson) and Hillary Robert, a daughter, Alice Charlotte.

CRAM - On March 28th, to Laurie and Kay, a son, Theodore Anthony. A brother to Sara, Oliver and Dominic.

EARLAM - On April 11th, 1988, to Paige and Nick and daughter Katie, a sister for Matthew and Sarah.

FOWLER - On April 6th, to Alexandra (née Pellew) and Jeffrey a son James.

FURLONGER - On April 14th 1988, to Sally (née Carter) and Richard, a son George Logan, a brother for James.

HISCOCK - On April 1st, to Sally and Brian, a son, Samuel William John.

HODGSON - On April 14th, at BMH Hanover, to Kate (née McKie) and Kevin, a son James William John.

HOLDEN - On April 4th, to Alison (née Playfair) and Mark, a son Charles Julian Henry.

HOLME - On April 14th, to Denise (née Simmons) and Richard, a daughter, Alison Rachel.

HOWARTH - On April 14th 1988, to Gillian (née Lee) and Tony of Lytham St Anne's, a daughter, Abigail Clare, a sister for Hannah.

MACDONALD - On April 11th, 1988, to Catherine (née Stevenson) and James, a son, Hugh James Ratcliffe, a brother for Melissa.

MORLEY - On April 14th, in Leicester to Carol (née Taylor) and Martin, a daughter, Donna Marie, 5lbs 9ozs.

RAWLINSON - On April 14th, 1988, at St Thomas's Hospital, London, to Penelope (née Letts) and John, a son, Hugo Christopher Luke, a brother for Anthony.

WILKINSON - On April 13th 1988, in Swindon, to Lisella (née Ball) and George, a daughter, Celia Louise, a sister for Holly.

MARRIAGES

HERDMAN:FRANKENBURG - On March 22nd, quietly in Weymouth, Ellice Bernard Herdman married Mrs Ruth Evelyn Frankenburg.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

KIMPTON:HAZLERIGG - On April 17th 1928, at St Pauls Church, Portman Square, London, Anthony Charles Ward to Rachel Elizabeth. Now at Tisbury, Wiltshire.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

BOWLBY:LONGSTAFF - John Bowlby married Ursula Longstaff at All Saints, Broad Chalke, on April 16th 1938.

MARSTON:GRACE - On April 16th, 1938, at All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi, Kenya, Clive to Kathleen Mary (Kaye). Now in Richmond, Surrey.

LONGSTAFF:BOWLBY - Ursula and John Bowlby. Congratulations and love from the Tribal Area.

DEATHS

AITKEN - On April 14th 1988, peacefully at Garrett House, Aldeburgh, Edithe, aged 92 years, beloved wife of the late Seymour and mother of Dorothy, Olivia, Seymour and John, and a dearly loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at Aldeburgh Parish Church on Tuesday, April 19th at 2.30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, if desired, donations to Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital.

BAILEY - On April 11th, suddenly at home, Doctor G.L.J., known to all as Bill, beloved husband of Peggy, father of Chris, father in law of Carol, grandfather of Emma-Jane and Simon. Service on April 21st, at 1.00pm at St Martin's Parish Church, Church Road, West Drayton. Cremation 2.00pm at the Breakspear Crematorium. Flowers c/o H C Grimstead Ltd., 58 Swan Road, West Drayton.

BRITTON - On April 11th, peacefully at a Worthing nursing home aged 93, Molly, beloved wife of the late Michael Edward Lewis and much loved aunt of Eleanor, Harriet and Emily. Funeral to be held on Monday April 18th at 11 am at Durrington Cemetry near Worthing, Sussex.

BURET - On Good Friday April 1st, quite suddenly and unexpectedly, Beryl Dorcas, dearest and greatly missed mother of Sarah and Simon, grandmother of Kit and Phoebe, sister of Muriel and Alice. Funeral at Streatham Park Cemetery on Monday April 18th at 3.15 pm.

BURRELL - On April 14th, Eric Hugh aged 86, peacefully at Little Park House. Much loved husband of the late Dorothy, beloved father of Jennifer, Laurence and Jacqueline. Funeral at St. Andrews Church, Boxford, near Newbury, on Thursday April 21st at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations to St. Andrews Church, Boxford.

CORBETT - On April 13th 1988, in hospital, Mr George Corbett M.B.E., late of R.F.C. In fondest memory from grandson Garry.

DAVIS - On April 13th 1988, peacefully at High Trees Nursing Home, Norwood Hill, Surrey, Ivy May, aged 89 years. Widow of the late Reginald J. Davis. Mother of Bob, Monica, Trevor, Michael and Peter. Funeral service at The Chapel, Doran Court, Redhill, on Friday, April 22nd at 2pm, followed by cremation at The Surrey And Sussex Crematorium. Flowers to Sinnerman Funeral Services, Doran Court, Redhill, Surrey.

DE SILVA - On April 13th, peacefully, Lionel Wijmot, retired Judge of the Supreme Court of Ceylon. Dear husband of Joyce and loving father of Sriyan and Lanil. No flowers but donations to The Library, King's College School of Medicine and Dentistry, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8RX.

ERIKS - On April 15th 1988, at his home in Boldre, Hampshire, Pieter Jan, darling and devoted husband of Peggy, dearly loved stepfather of Gillie and step grandfather of Deirdre and Annabel. Funeral service at Boldre Church on Friday April 22nd at 12 noon, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, but if desired donations for Marie Curie Memorial Foundation For Cancer may be sent c/o. F.W. House and Sons, Funeral Directors, Lymington, Hampshire.

GRAY - On April 14th, at St Peter's Hospice, Bristol, June, beloved wife of FDR (Derek) Gray, (ex A/Superintendent, Northern Rhodesian Police), following a valiant struggle against illness. Funeral Service will be held at Canford Crematorium, Bristol on Tuesday April 19th 1988, at 1.40pm. Floral tributes to R Davis & Son, Funeral Directors, 381 Gloucester Rd, Horfield, Bristol, B7. Or donations if desired to St Peter's Hospice, St Agnes Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

HARRISON - On April 13th, 1988, suddenly, Monica Hanson Harrison of Rickmansworth, mother of David and Christopher. Funeral service, Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, Thursday, April 21st at 11.15 am. Enquiries and Flowers to James Pedal Ltd. Tel: 0923 772013.

HARRISON - On April 14th, peacefully after a long illness courageously borne, Frank Cyril of Flore Manor, Northampton, dearly loved husband of Betty loving father of Susan and Michael and his grandchildren Rosalind, Georgina, Charlotte and Sarah. Senior partner of Messers Shoosmiths & Harrison, 1964-1979. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Flore at 1 pm on Wednesday April 20th followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Chest Heart and Stroke association, c/o Michael Orton-Jones, Messers Shoosmiths & Harrison, 20 Market square, Northampton.

HASELWOOD - On April 13th 1988, suddenly at home, John Aitcheson, husband of Mary and father of Gillian and Charles, dearly loved by all his family. Funeral service at the Counties Crematorium Northampton on Thursday April 21st at 12 noon. Please no flowers, but if desired donations to The British Heart Foundation ,102 Gloucester Place, London W1H 4DH.

HAWKINGS - On April 14th, following a short illness, Molly Hawkings, aged 82, of 12 Cheviot Close, Tonbridge, much loved mother of John, Christopher, Timothy and Jeremy. Funeral service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Friday, 22nd April at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired to Cancer Research.

JOSEPH - On April 13th, peacefully at The Wellington Hospital, London NW8, aged 79, Edward Walter 'Teddy' Joseph O.B.E., Brother of Oscar and the late Bertie and Stanley. Much loved by all his many friends. Cremation on Sunday April 17th at 11 am at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, London NW11. A Memorial Service will be held on Monday April at 5.30pm at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St Johns Wood Rd, London NW8. Donations if desired to: The Royal National Institute for the Deaf.

PHILLIPS - On Wednesday April 13th, 1988, at Epsom District Hospital, peacefully after a short illness, Leonard James Joseph, aged 83. A dear friend and counsellor to many, he will be sadly missed. Funeral service at URC, Walton-on-the-Hill, on Wednesday April 20th at 1.45 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to N.S.P.C.C. or the Lepracy Mission. Enquiries to True Loves Ltd, Epsom, Surrey.

SANDERSON - On April 13th 1988, peacefully in hospital, Isobel Gertrude (née Gunn), beloved wife of Arthur of Radlett, much loved mother of Catherine and Nigel and grandmother of James. Service at West Herts Crematorium (Large Chapel) on Wednesday April 20th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations appreciated to Cancer Research Campaign.

UNDERWOOD - On April 13th, 1988, peacefully at Hunter's Hill Marie Curie Home, Glasgow, Walter, dearly loved husband of the late Mary Campbell and much loved father of Julia. Funeral Service at Clydebank Crematorium, North Dalnottar on Monday 18th April at 3.30 pm. No flowers please.

WARWICK - On April 4th 1988, suddenly in Cuckfield Hospital, Sussex, Elspeth Margaret, M.B., D.P.H. Hon., M.R.C.P., late of Scottish Home and Health Department, Edinburgh. Sister of Andrey and John. Sadly missed by all the family and friends. A memorial service will be held on Friday May 6th at 3.30 pm in Cuckfield Parish Church. At her request her body was donated for medical research.

WATSON - On April 12th, after a long illness, Patty aged 44, darling wife Philip, mother of Petica and Nicholas and daughter of Professor and Mrs R. F. Tylecote. Service at Hampstead Parish Church, Church Row, London NW3 at 2.30pm on Tuesday April 19th. Flowers (not wreathes) to the Church or donations to U.C.H Med School Fund (Haematology) Gower Street, WC1.

WILSON - On April 13th, Peter aged 40. Beloved husband of Polly and much loved son of Mac and Alastair. Funeral Service at All Saints Church Wribbenhall, Bewdley, Worcs, at 2.15, on Wednesday April 20th, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Kidderminster and District Health Authority (Terminal Care Fund) c/o B. Ince Funeral Directors, Bank House, 8 Severn Side South, Bewdley DY12 2DX. Tel: 0299-403105.

WOODS - On April 12th, at his home at Lilley near Luton, Ronald Alan, MBE, FSA, aged 80, husband of Gwyneth, and much loved father and grandfather. Late of The Bank of England and Westminster Abbey. Funeral service at Lilley Church, Tuesday April 19th at 12 noon. No flowers please but if desired donations for Lilley Church, c/o Reverend P Forbes, 14 East Street, Lilley, Luton.

YOUNG - On Tuesday April 12th 1988, suddenly at his home, Hatfield, Herts, John (SAJ) O.B.E., J.P., husband of the late Elizabeth. Sadly missed by Patricia, the grandchildren, Nicholas, Anthony and Louise and all the family. Funeral service at St Etheldreda, Hatfield at 2.30 pm Tuesday April 26th followed by private cremation. Parking at Hatfield House via main entrance, all enquiries to J.J. Burgess & Sons, Alfred House, The Common, Hatfield. Tel: 07072-62122.

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A presentation on aspects of the Mission's work will follow at 4.45 p.m. the speakers being Mr David Gifford MA Promotions and Education Officer and Miss Debra Harris BSc Communications Officer. A short act of worship will conclude the proceedings.

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NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition was on the 29th March 1988 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company by the amount of £2,175,232.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Warner at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2 on Monday the 25th April 1988.

Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requesting the same by the under-mentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 14th day of April 1988
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Solicitors for the said Company

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RAF Farnborough
The Mayor of Rushmoor was the principal guest at a ladies guest night held yesterday at RAF Farnborough to mark the conferment of the honorary freedom of the Borough of Rushmoor. Group Captain A.N. Nicholson, President of No 1 RAF Officers' Mess Committee, presided and Group Captain R. P. Hallam, Commanding Officer, Experimental Flying, also spoke.

HQ Allied Air Forces Central Europe
Air Vice-Marshal J.R. Walker and the RAF Officers of Headquarters Allied Air Forces Central Europe dined in the Panzer Artillery Officers' Mess, Kusel, Federal Republic of Germany last night. Squadron Leader R.W.D. Trotter presided.

Dinners

Dramatists' Club
Mr Peter Ustinov was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Dramatists' Club at the Garrick Club last night. Sir Ronald Millar, president, presided.

Plumbers' Company
The Plumbers' Company gave a dinner last night at Ironmongers' Hall. Mr Leon Hill, Master, presided, assisted by Vice-Admiral Sir John Lea, Upper Warden, and Mr M.G. Wayman, Renter Warden. The Masters of the Tylers' and Bricklayers', Builders Merchants' and Chartered Architects' Companies were among the guests.

Services tomorrow

Second Sunday after Easter

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Plainsong Mass (Shepherd), Haec est dies (Hassler), The Dean; 3 E, Responses (Leighton-Jones), Sumsion in G, Christ rising again (Byrd); 4.15 Holy Baptism-Holy Innocents; 6.30 ES, Rev T E Roberts.
YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10.15 S Euch, Darke in E (Motet), If ye love me (Tallis), Responses (Tallis); 11.30 M, Stanford in B flat; 4 E, Stanford in A, Responses (Rose), Hail Gladdening Light (Wood), Canon R Mayland.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Aylewarid), Jubilate and Te Deum, Stanford in B flat, Rev K Woollcombe; 11.30 HC, Missa Gia Fu M'hebbe Cara (Palestrina), Jesu, dulcis memoria (Vittoria); 3.15 E, Mendelssohn in B flat, I waited for the Lord (Mendelssohn), Rev Iain Mackenzie.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Tallis), Wood Te Deum in E, Haec est dies (Handl), Rev S Charles; 11.40 HC; 3 E, Batten Second Service, Let God Arise (Locke), Rev M Shrewsbury; 6.30 ES, Rev M Mayne.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Sumsion in F, Christ the Lord is risen (Trad), Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd), Rev N Worn; 3 E, Brewer in D, Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (Stanford), Canon P Penwarden.
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 10.30, 12, 5.30, 7 SM; 3.30 V & B.
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10, 12.15, 6 LM; 11 HM, Fr P Stodart.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Rise heart thy Lord is risen (Vaughan Williams), Canon D Landreth.
QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11.15 M, Vaughan Williams in G, Sing Ye to the Lord (Bairstow), The Chaplain; 12.30 HC.
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 4 E, O hearken Thou (Bairstow), Stanford in B flat, Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (Stanford), The Chaplain.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M; 12 HC, Band of the Scots Guards, The Chaplain.
GRAY'S INN CHAPEL: 11.15 Divine Service.
TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 9.15 HC
TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC; 11 MP, Responses (Thalben-Ball), Te Deum Laudamus (Smart in F), Jubilate Deo (Smart in F), The Lord is my shepherd (Stanford), The Master.
ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 11 Euch & Confirmation.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Nares in F, Sing ye to the Lord (Bairstow), Rev J Blease; 3.30 E, Up, up my heart (Bach), Murrill in E, In exitu Israel (Wesley).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, Rev Kate Ricketts.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 11 HM, Darke in E minor, The Lord is my Shepherd (Schubert), Rev G A Reddington; 6 E & B, Wood in D, The Lord is my Shepherd (Stanford), Rev E A James.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9.30 HC; 11 Rev R Bewes; 6.30 Rev Dr J Stott.
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street, SW3: 8, 12 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 M, Rev J H L Cross; 6 E, Preb C E L Thomson.
CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; 11 Parish Communion, Rev M Butchers.
HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 8.30 HC (1662); 10 HC (ASB), Rev N K Lee; 6.30 Communion Service, Rev J A K Millar.
HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30, 12.05 HC; 11 MP, Rev Dr Martin Israel.
HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.30, 12.10 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Rev K L Yates.
ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Parish Communion; 6.30 E.
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Blake in D, A Sing joyfully (Batten), The Rector.
ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8, 12 HC; 11 MP, Rev G C Taylor; 6.30 EP, Rev G C Taylor.
ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 11 MP, Rev M Parker; 6.30 EP, Rev M Bunker.
ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch; 6 EP.
ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Jesus Christ is risen today (Dickinson), Darke in F, Rev D Perkin; 6 E, O Pray for the Peace (Howells), Stanford in C, Blessed be the God and the Father (Wesley), Rev J Haselock.
ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8 HC; 10 Parish Eucharist with Sunday School, Rev T Birchard; 6.30 Evening Worship, Rev T Harkin.
ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Statham in D, If we believe that Jesus died (Goss), Rev S Watson; 6.30 E, Dum transisset (Taverner), Rev D Watson.
ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family C; 11 S Euch, Stanford in C, Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem (Stanford), Rev J Humble.
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 8.15, 12.15 HC; 11 M, Canon Colin Semper.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8, 12.30 HC; 9.45 Euch, Mr A Woollard; 11.30 MP, Rev P Chester; 2.45 Chinese Service; 4.30 E; 6.30 EP, The Vicar.
ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa Puisque j'ai perdu, Jubilate Deo, Scio enim (Lassus), Fr B Horne; 6.15 E & B.
ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8, 11 HC, Missa Sancti Johannes de Deo (Haydn), Haec Dies (Byrd), Rev A Walker; 6.30 Rev D Head.
ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 11 MP, Rev J Crossley.
ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 S Euch, How goodly are thy tents (Ouseley), Jackson in G, Beati quorum via (Stanford).
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 Euch, Gloria from Missa Jesu Christe (Ashewell), Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley), The Lord is my Shepherd (Wise), Canon J Kingsnorth
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Mass; 11 SM, Rev D B Tillyer
ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8 HC; 11 Parish C (1662) Mathias, Hallelujah (Beethoven), Ave verum (Elgar), Rev B Finch; 6.30 E, Harwood in A flat, Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (Stanford), Rev A Pearce
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 HM, The Lord is my Shepherd (Green), Adoramus te (Palestrina), Father G Morgan; 6 E & B, Father G Morgan.
THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston Street, W1: 11 SM, Missa Simile est regnum coelorum (Guerrero), Ego sum panis vivus (Esquivel); 6 LM & B.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev J H McIndoe; 6.30 Young Christian Fellowship Service, Rev J H McIndoe.
CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, 6.30 Rev K G Hughes.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 8, 10, 12, 4, 6 LM; 11 SM, Missa lauda Sion (Palestrina), Jubilate Deo (Mozart), Salve Regina (Koenen).
CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45, Missa L'homme armé (Josquin), Christus resurgens (Philips).
FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10 LM; 11 HM, Messe des Orphéonistes (Gounod), Jubilate Deo (Gabrieli); 12.30, 4.30, 7 LM; 3.30 V, Haec dies (Palestrina).
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: Missa in honorem BMV de Loreto (Goller); Jubilate Deo (Mozart).
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 8.30, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM; 11.15 SM (Latin), Missa Pontificalis (Perosi), Ave Maria, Dr R B Williams.
AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.
CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 11, 6.30 Rev E Waugh.
CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, King's Road, SW3: 11, 6 Rev M Braddy
HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11 Rev J Lampard, 6.30 Mr B Frost.
KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street W8: 11, 6.30 Rev F McPherson.
REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN URC, Tavistock Place, WC1: 11 HC; 7 V, Bach, Cantata 85 "Ich bin ein guter Hirt".
ST JOHN'S WOOD URC, NW8: 11 Rev A Mclellan
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr R J Tudor.
WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr R T Kendall.
WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La WC2: 11, Meeting for worship.

Latest wills

Sir Aubrey Melford Stevenson, of Winchelsea, East Sussex, High Court judge, left estate valued at £108,076 net.

Lord Beswick, of London SW19, Labour MP for Uxbridge 1946-59 and chairman of British Aerospace 1976-80, left estate valued at £417,766 net.

Air Marshal Sir Alick Charles Stevens, of Cadmore End, Buckinghamshire, Commander-in-Chief, Coastal Command 1951-53, left estate valued at £71,211 net.

Mrs Dorothy Mary Smith, of Rugby, Warwickshire, left estate valued at £1,216,344 net.

Mr Harold Savidge, of Draycott, Derbyshire, left estate valued at £891,503 net.

Mr Patrick Wellesley Cooper Baia, of Dinton, Salisbury, Wiltshire, left estate valued at £628,443 net.

Birthdays

TODAY: Lord Aberconway, 75; Mr Kingsley Amis, author, 66; Miss Joan Bakewell, broadcaster, 55; Lord Camoys, 48; Sir James Fawcett, former president, European Commission of Human Rights, 75; Sir Laurence Grafftey-Smith, diplomat, 96; Sir John Harvey-Jones, chairman, Burns-Anderson, 64; Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, MP, 64; Miss Margaret Maden, educationist, 48; Mr Henry Mancini, composer, 64; Mr Spike Milligan, author and comedian, 70; Sir Albert Mumford, electrical engineer, 85; Miss Constance Shacklock, opera singer, 75; Sir Edmund Stockdale, former Lord Mayor of London, 85; Professor Barbara Tizard, educationist, 62; Mr Peter Ustinov, actor, 67.

TOMORROW: Mr Lindsay Anderson, film and theatre director, 65; Mrs S. Bandaranaike, former Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, 72; Mr Chris Barber, jazz musician, 58; Mr J.E. Barrett, tennis commentator, 57; Miss Joan Clague, director of nursing services, Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, 57; Miss Ruth Etchells, principal, St John's College, Durham, 57; Miss Clare Francis, novelist, 42; Mrs Anne Harris, former national chairman, National Federation of Women's Institutes, 63; Mr George Keyt, artist, 87; Mr James Last, bandleader 59; Mrs Eileen Stamers-Smith, former headmistress, Malvern Girls' College, 59; Mr Michael Vernon, former chairman, Spillers, 62; Sir Vincent Wigglesworth, entomologist, 89, the Right Rev J. Yates, Bishop of Gloucester, 63.

RAF memorial

The 50/61 Squadrons Association, RAF Bomber Command, is planning to erect a memorial to men killed while serving with the squadrons. Inquiries from former aircrew, ground staff and relatives of the dead, may be addressed to Mr J. P. Flynn, 61 Alma House, Napoleon Road, London E5 8TF

Appointments

Mr Geoffrey D. Chisholm, professor of surgery at Edinburgh University and director of the Nuffield transplant unit at the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh to succeed Mr Thomas J McNair as President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in October.

Mr John Jacob to be Curator of Chiswick House, London. He is continuing as curator of the English Heritage's London historic house museums at Kenwood, Marble Hill House and Ranger's House, Blackheath.

Mrs P. F. C. Ridley to be a trustee of the Tate Gallery, in succession to Mr Patrick Heron.

Dom Dominic Gaiford to be the second abbot of Worth Abbey, Sussex. He takes the place of Abbot Victor Farwell, who has retired, aged 74, after heading the community of 34 Benedictine monks since 1954.

Mr Colin Amery, architectural writer, to be a trustee of the National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside.

Royal engagements

TODAY: Prince Edward will inaugurate the Loch Lomond Park Authority and visit the Boy's Brigade Senate 88 at Loch Lomond at 10.05.

The Princess Royal, President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit the fund's shop at Barrow-in-Furness; and, as Commandant-in-Chief of St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, will attend a cadet jamboree at the Sportsground, Vickers Engineering, Barrow-in-Furness, at 10.45. Later, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit the fund's shop in Eastgate, Leeds, at 2.00; the Leeds Art Gallery at 2.40; and will meet the Save the Children Fund Corporate Fund Raising Members in the Civic Hall at 3.15.

TOMORROW: The Princess of Wales will start the London Marathon, Blackheath, at 9.00.

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Monday 18 Apr 7.30 pm BBC PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Edward Downes (conductor) Barbara Hendricks (soprano) Peter Donohoe (piano) Tristan Murail (ondes martenot). Ravel Shéhérazade; Messiaen Turangalila Symphony £12. £10. £8. £6. £3.50 British Broadcasting Corporation

Tuesday 19 Apr 7.30 pm THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC Kurt Sanderling (cond) Jane Atkins (viola) Winner of the London Philharmonic-Pioneer Young Soloist of the Year Competition. Weber Overture, Der Freischutz; Walton Viola Concerto, Sibelius Symphony No 2 £15 £10.90, £7 90, £5.90 £2.90 London Philharmonic Enterprises Ltd

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Thursday 21 Apr 3.00 pm THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC Richard Cooke (cond) Rolf Harris (nar) Children's Concert Prog incl Rolf Harris Jake the Peg Kangaroo, British Roo. Britten The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra; Liadov The Enchanted Lake & wks by Rossini and Grieg. Tickets free, apply to London Philharmonic 01-633 4765 LP Ent

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Friday 22 Apr 7.30 pm THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC Carl Davis (conductor) Nicholas Busch (horn) David Nolan (violin). NatWest Bank Classics for Pleasure Series. Programme incl Mozart Horn Concerto No 4; Gershwin An American in Paris, Saint-Saëns Havanaise, Ravel Bolero RETURNS ONLY London Philharmonic Enterprises Ltd

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Sunday 17 Apr 7.45 pm THE GREAT QUINTETS The Eder Quartet of Hungary John Bingham (piano) Haydn String Quartet in C Op 33 No 3 (Bird). Schumann Piano Quintet in E flat, Op 44, Ravel String Quartet in F £7 50, £6, £4.50 (only) The London Society of Chamber Music

Monday 18 Apr 7.45 pm THE CHELSEA HARMONIC SOCIETY 10th Anniversary Concert The Piccadilly Orchestra. Chorus of the Chelsea Harmonic Society, Senior Choir of Farlington School. E de Rivera (cond) E. Harwood (sop) M. Maguire (m-sop) J. Griffett (ten) L. Wallington (bass) Dvorak Requiem Mass. £8, £7, £6 £5 Chelsea Harmonic Society

Tuesday 19 Apr 1.10 pm CZECHMATES lunchtime concert Allegri String Quartet Patrick Ireland (viola) Dvorak String Quintet in E flat, Op. 97; Dvorak Drobnosti, Op 75a All seats £3. Czech-flavoured lunch & concert package £6.75 Students/OAP's/UB40 £1.50 The South Bank Board/Allegri String Quartet

Tuesday 19 Apr 7.45 pm BEETHOVEN CONCERTO SERIES London Soloists Chamber Orchestra David Josefowitz (cond) Craig Sheppard (pno) Beethoven Overture, Prometheus, Piano Concerto No. 2, Piano Concerto No. 4; Symphony No 8 £9. £8. £7. £5.50. £4 London Soloists Chamber Orchestra

Wednesday 20 Apr 7.45 pm CHRISTOPHER PARKENING (guitar) with David Brandon (accompanying guitar) A programme of works by Albéniz, Torrijos, Bach, Granados, Torroba, Villa-Lobos, Giuliani, Mozart, Rodrigo and Falla. £8, £6, £5, £3 Columbia Artists Management Inc.

Friday 22 Apr 7.45 pm BOURNEMOUTH SINFONIETTA Roger Norrington (conductor) Sarah Walker (m-sop) Mozart Masonic Funeral Music, K. 477, Berlioz Les nuits d'été, Britten Phaedra, Mozart Symphony No. 41 (Jupiter) £7, £6.50, £5, £4.50, £3.50 Emil Gilels/Western Orchestral Society

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Saturday 16 Apr 7.30 pm RODGERS, HART AND HAMMERSTEIN Anna Lerchbacher (sop) Carol Leatherby (m-sop) David Waters (ten) Alan Lamb (baritone) Carol Wells (piano) Quintessence in an evening of songs from the shows. £5, £3.50, £2.50 Quintessence

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Monday 18 Apr 7.30 pm DMITRI SLADKOWSKI (piano) Mendelssohn Variations sérieuses Op. 54 Beethoven Sonata in C Op 53 (Waldstein), Chopin Sonata in B flat minor Op 35, Rachmaninov Barcarolle in G min Op 10/3, Prelude in G Op 32/5, Moment musical in E min Op. 16/4. £5, £3.50, £2.50 Jane Gray

Tuesday 19 Apr 7.30 pm TASMIN LITTLE (violin) PIERS LANE (piano) Tartini/Kreisler Sonata in G min (Devil's Trill), Beethoven Sonata in A Op 47 (Kreutzer), Debussy Sonata in G min, James Rolfe Arioso (1st perf) Delius Sonata No. 2 Ravel Tzigane £6, £3 Erica Goddard

Wednesday 20 Apr 7.30 pm CAPRICORN Elliott Carter Sonata for flute, oboe, cello & harpsichord; Copland Piano Quartet; James Ellis Mountain Steps (1st perf); Feldman The Viola in my Life (II) Michael Torke The Yellow Pages All seats £4 Students/OAP's/UB40 £3 Capricorn

Thursday 21 Apr 7.30 pm BADINAGE Vivaldi Concerto RV94 Frederick The Great Flute Sonata, Telemann Trio Sonata, Vivaldi Violin Sonata RV 31, C.P.E. Bach Trio Sonata W 143, Trio Sonata W. 163, Harpsichord Sonata W 48; Trio Sonata W 145 £6, £5 £4 Music Management Ltd

Friday 22 Apr 7.30 pm RICHARD DEERING (piano) Bridge 3 Sketches Anthony Hedges 5 Preludes, Frank Sillies Equinox, Charles Camilleri Xynobis (UK prem). Elgar Concert Allegro; James Wilson 5 Preludes Op 87, Malcolm Dedman 2 Reflections (1st perf), Bridge Sonata £5, £3.50, £2.50 Association for British Music

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Wed 27 Apr 7.45pm PETERBOROUGH STRING ORCHESTRA Ronald Thomas cond./vln Nicholas Daniel oboe Mendelssohn: 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' Vivaldi: The Four Seasons Bach: Concerto for Oboe and Violin in D minor Mendelssohn: Symphony No 4 in A 'Italian' £12.50 £11.50 £10 £8.50 £6.60 £5.50 Victor Hochhauser Ltd

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Monday 18 April 1.00 pm BBC LUNCHTIME CONCERT. HEINRICH SCHIFF cello ROGER VIGNOLES piano. JS Bach: Suite No 2 in D minor, BWV 1008, for solo cello. Lutoslawski: Grave, Nadia Boulanger: Three Pieces. Debussy: Sonata in D minor £2.50. Jane Gray

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Wednesday 20 April 7.30 pm EUROPEAN TOURING ORCHESTRA OF LONDON. Juan Rodriguez Romero conductor Anda Anastasescu piano Falla: El Amor Brujo; Mozart: Piano Concerto in C minor K491. Bizet: Symphony in C. £8 50, £6, £4, £2.50 (concessions £2 50) Sponsored by Memon Press Henry Wood Concert Society

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Tomorrow 17 April NB starting time: 4 p.m. GYORGY PAUK violin / IAN BROWN piano / ARDITTI QUARTET / GABRIEL WOOLF reader Chamber Music Series. Tolstoi — The Kreutzer Sonata. Beethoven: Kreutzer Sonata, Op. 47, Janácek: Quartet No. 1 'Kreutzer Sonata' with readings from Tolstoi. £7.50, £6.50, £4.50, £3 British Library Stefan Zweig Series / Jane Gray

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Crisis for the gentlemen of the cloth

Is Savile Row coming apart at the seams? As the street prepares to open its doors for the centenary of the bespoke tailoring federation, **Deyan Sudjic** finds its craftsmen fighting for survival



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Savile Row's discrete Edwardian charm will be shattered next month by a rude intrusion of high-pressure marketing, television crews and rubbernecks. On May 7 the world's last natural habitat of the bespoke suit is being taken over by a team of 30 cutters, makers and finishers, who under the floodlights of the cameras will be attempting to make a suit in record time. Starting at 9.30am, the team aims to get through the 90 separate steps, from the first cut to the cuff buttons, that turn a 3.2-metre length of treble-striped grey worsted wool into the essential heart of an English gentleman's wardrobe by 4.30pm.

"We are not trying to outdo Hong Kong," says Robert Bright of the Federation of Merchant Tailors, which represents bespoke tailors and which has organized the event as part of its centenary celebrations. "We want to take away the frosted windows and curtains for once, and let the public see what goes into making a suit."

Some of its more traditional members, however, while naturally too polite to say so, are quietly appalled. Huntsman, to many people the Savile Row firm which represents the epitome of understated British sartorial elegance, is having nothing to do with the event.

Its antler-decked, Persian carpeted premises will remain firmly closed all day. Its highly skilled employees, who have each spent up to five years learning the arcane and difficult task of making a jacket, will be staying at home. "We just didn't feel it was something that we wanted to get involved with," a courteous and impeccable spokesman for Huntsman explains. "I really don't want to talk about why we aren't taking part." But from the Jeevesian aplomb in his voice, you get the distinct impression that natural Huntsman customers are unlikely to be impressed by the transformation of Savile Row into a spectacle.

Michael Skinner, whose firm, J. Dage, is pitching its stand right outside Huntsman's, and who, like most of the tailors in the area, now sells the majority of his clothes abroad, takes a different view. "I'm determined to make myself known," he says. To that end he will have a stand at Badminton Horse Trials. Skinner's definition of a Savile Row suit is "excellence and exclusivity", but he sees no reason not to put that message across as forcefully as possible.

Last week, you could have seen a coachload of Establishment dignitaries pulling up outside Gieves & Hawkes at Number One, to be a fitted for the scarlet tunics and ambassador's plumes that have made appearances at state ceremonial occasions for more than a century. But Savile Row is not what it once was. From being the centre of an industry with a network of 6,000 firms in the early 1900s, the Merchant Tailors' membership has shrunk to 60 in and around Savile Row, with another 50 in the rest of Britain. And last year a mere 25,000 suits were produced by Savile Row, more than 60 per cent of them for export. Clearly either the British are not the traditionally minded dressers that they once were, or there are fewer quintessential Englishmen about these days. One of the main reasons for today's events is to persuade more of us to part with the £1,500 or so it can cost to have a bespoke suit made.

A more fundamental threat to Savile Row is represented by changes in the planning system which allow office use of premises once reserved for workshops. These have caused rocketing workshop rentals in the street. Together with long-term redevelopment plans that affect a large part of Savile Row, these could force out many of the remaining tailors' workshops. There is even talk of a concerted move to another site, possibly in Soho.

You can divide the survivors into three camps: the traditionalists are personified by Huntsmans. Together with a handful of others, they continue to inhabit a long-lost world, innocent of the silver-tongued skills of design and marketing. Anderson & Sheppard, for example, is about as far removed from George Davies and the Next world of retailing as it is possible to get. Its frosted glass and gold lettering gives it the air of a bank or funeral parlour on the outside. Inside, you could be in a cricket pavilion, were it not for the kind of look that people create on drawing boards – not that Anderson & Sheppard is the kind of place that thinks it "looks" like anything. It just *is*, unselfconsciously; very much like the clothes that it produces.

The other extreme of Savile Row is represented by the glossy new showrooms of Chester Barrie and Hardy Amies: both lavishly equipped with the bevelled glass, electric chandeliers, mirrors and liverish marble glitz of the foyer of the Riyadh Holiday Inn. Somewhere between these two poles are the smaller, dowdier premises like those of Norman of Savile Row, located in Brummel House. This is where rag trade and Savile Row meet, by the look of it, to produce suits for visiting businessmen.

Whatever the fractured reality, the changing audience, and the varying economic climate, Savile Row has an enormously powerful image. The Japanese term for the noun, "suit", is, quite simply, Savile Row. The image has in fact become larger than the reality. Savile Row is beyond fashion; rightly or wrongly, it has become shorthand for the timeless English way of doing things, hedged around with all kinds of apparently trivial, but in terms of status, critically important, details. The right number of cuff buttons, the absence of belt loops, the hand-stitched button holes, all invisible to outsiders, are the secret signs by which members of the club know each other to be reasonable fellows, persons of taste and distinction.

Climbing into a Savile Row suit, all the disparate elements – the jacket, trousers and waistcoat – merge into one seamless blur of woollen cloth. It feels a little like putting your face and hands through the holes in one of those seaside photographer's backdrops: putting one on makes you invisible. And that, of course, is the whole point. The purpose of a suit is to divert attention from the contents while projecting a clear message with which the wearer can identify. And the message of the Savile Row suit is well-bred Englishness, even though most of its customers now come from other countries.

The first tailors moved into the street in 1835, much to the concern of the medical men who at that time dominated it and promptly decamped to Harley Street as the takeover gathered speed. The Savile Row suit in its present incarnation did not exist then. And the most formal garment of our day, the morning coat, was still the hunting jacket from which it evolved. The changes to the basic form of the suit have been gradual, and have moved to a very different rhythm from the fashion industry, although Savile Row claims it originally invented the flared trouser, and, even more improbably, the teddy boy look.

"We are involved with fashion; not in terms of high fashion, but we are in a unique position that any designer would give their eye teeth to be in," Bright says. "We are in daily contact with the customer, so we are able to notice a lot of changes that will manifest themselves in clothes. For example when economies go into recession, people need the best value for money, and clothes that last longer, and do not date. They want something that makes them look confident and established, and that has helped Savile Row."

Even architecture has an impact on their work, Bright maintains. "These days, more and more offices are air-conditioned, rather than centrally heated; this means people can wear heavier cloths in comfort. Unlike a centrally heated interior, an air-conditioned office allows people to wear double-breasteds without boiling." For Bright, although the customers may be different and more and more of them may be measured for their suits far from Savile Row itself (most bespoke tailors make extensive selling trips, setting up in hotels from Beverly Hills to Hong Kong), the process remains the same.

"First you talk to them. You need to get to know them, to establish a rapport." That means talking about cloths, styles and colours. "If you want a suit from me, I can't show you one. I have to get the concept you want into my mind, so that we can produce what the customer wants; then we have a happy customer."

From start to finish, it can take eight weeks to make a suit from scratch – although established customers who already have a pattern on file with their tailor can get the thing made in a week in exceptional circumstances.

Bright accepts that the point of May's exercise is to find a new generation of customers. Just like the suits themselves, they are changing. The majority of the people he sees in his fitting room are not people whose families have been to him generation after generation, but people who have made their own way in the world. If the Savile Row suit is going to continue to appeal to people, its makers will have to recognize that change is a possibility, and not freeze it in its present incarnation.

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Eight weeks' work for a perfect suit

As far as the Federation of Merchant Tailors is concerned, to qualify as bespoke the cutting of a suit must take place on the tailor's premises, the fitting must be made by the same cutter and he must supervise the making of the suit. The federation will not admit any other definition of tailor-made clothes, and is lobbying for the protection given to tailors in France, where government legislation reserves use of the word to those who meet these criteria. As far as it is concerned, chain stores who send measurements away for cutting in a factory where the cutter never meets the customer are not offering a bespoke service.

Making a bespoke suit can take eight weeks. The first step is for the customer to be measured and to agree a particular style, colour and cut. From these measurements a paper pattern is cut and this is transferred to the cloth. Chalk is used to mark the shape and stitch lines, the chalk marks are mark stitched, and each part is prepared. The canvas lining and padding is cut and fitted; side pockets are made along with the breast pocket; the canvas is placed in the jacket and pressed into place; the shoulders are fixed and the sleeves are prepared to a tacked stage; the collar is cut and part-made and all the edges are turned in.

The jacket is then ready for fitting. A similar operation takes place on the waistcoat and the trousers are made up. These do not, of course, require the added canvas.

The customer then returns for a fitting, the object of which is not to fit the body tightly, but to create a flattering line, camouflaging the shortcomings of the body.

After the fitting the jacket is taken apart again, the basic stages are removed, the cloth smoothed out and, according to the cutter's remarks, the pattern is adjusted, the jacket is re-made, edges and facings are cut and permanent seams inserted, ready for a second fitting, to be sure that work is progressing on the right lines.

The lining is made from a fabric known as Ermizene, a wood-based synthetic, while the thread used for stitching throughout will be silk.

POINTS OF STYLE

The stylistic points to look for in a Savile Row suit include: 1 *The maker's name inside the jacket will be discreet.* 2 *The button holes will be handmade. In fact, around 75 per cent of the stitching will be by hand. Machine stitching is permissible for seams, darts and the pockets.* 3 *The four-button cuff, the two lower ones functioning to allow cuffs to be turned while hands are washed.* 4 *Belt loops are considered unsightly – gentlemen wear braces. Buttons will normally be made of horn, while the cloth will be wool worsted. Pockets will be cotton.* 5 *Trouser fly will be buttoned, not zipped.* 6 *Turnups are still beloved by traditionalists but are giving way to progress.* 7 *Slight puckering of lapels betray hand stitching.* 8 *One back pocket only on trousers.*

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TRAVEL

The jet set takes off

TRAVEL NEWS

Fare cuts on spring flights to the United States recently announced by British Airways have been matched by most other airlines and specialist tour operators are now coming up with their own offers.

BA's own Poundstretcher subsidiary (0293 518060) is offering the full range of reductions and is also giving $50 in travellers cheques to all passengers booking a return ticket to designated US gateways on selected flights during April and May.

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Rock and rolling

Gibraltar's famous Rock Hotel, once a favourite haunt of Errol Flynn and Noel Coward, has just been refurbished at a cost of £1.5 million to give it a more luxurious style without ruining its traditional colonial atmosphere. The lobby and reception area has been rebuilt in Italian marble and air-conditioning has been installed on the ground floor. Bookings for the Rock are handled in the UK by Cadogan Travel (0703 332661).

Sterling work

Inclusive holidays to many destinations next winter seem likely to come down in price because of the current strength of sterling. Costing rates agreed by leading tour operators show that Tunisia's currency has declined by 13 per cent against the pound since last winter, the US dollar is down by 14 per cent, Portugal's currency by 11 per cent and Cyprus's by about eight per cent. But the Spanish peseta, which affects the largest slice of the winter holiday market, has declined only fractionally.

● **Holidays on working farms in the UK are becoming increasingly popular and the Farm Holiday Bureau has published its 1988 guide to farmhouse accommodation. It has more than 1,000 entries listing bed and breakfast, self-catering or camping facilities. The guide is available from leading book shops at £2.99.**

Island hopper

The busy air routes between Southampton and the Channel Islands will have a new airline from May 20. Air Atlantique, hitherto a freight-only operator, will operate up to to nine flights a day from Southampton to Jersey and Guernsey with a flat rate single fare of £29 for adults and £20 for children. Bookings must be made with the airline on 0703 614821 and not through travel agents.

Philip Ray

TRAVEL BOOKS

● **Spring is here, and with it a flood of books on walking. *The National Trust Countryside Walks In . . .* series, edited by Steve Parker, on The Thames Valley and the Cotswolds, the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales, Wessex, and the Home Counties (£2.99 each) are designed with the novice in mind. Each pocket-sized volume contains 14 to 17 walks, largely on National Trust land. A "walk selector" colour-codes each trip by degree of difficulty but maps are rudimentary, so invest in the Ordnance Survey variety.**

Jenny Tabakoff

● The correct price of *The Good Beach Guide* by Anne Scott featured last week and to be published on Monday by Ebury Press in association with Heinz Guardians of the Countryside is £5.95.

A trek round Toulouse

Hilary Finch visits the fine French city of Toulouse whose turbulent history is told in its seven centuries of architecture

The view from the *périphérique* is enough to justify giving Toulouse a wide berth; the view from the bridge is something else. Stand on the Pont Saint-Michel, preferably at midday, and the sun will floodlight a skyline of rose-pink towers, domes and steeples framed inside an industrial circumference by the blue parallels of the River Garonne and the Canal du Midi, and focused by the latticed arches of the 17th century Pont Neuf. It's worth stopping.

Toulouse has always had the good and bad fortune of being on the way to somewhere else. It owes its very existence to the fact. The Romans forded the Garonne at the crossing of routes from the north to the Pyrenees and from the Mediterranean to the Atlantic; pilgrims dropped in on their way to Santiago de Compostela; and now motorists avoid it, hurtling on to the Hautes-Pyrénées, to Montségur and Montpellier. But a hellish one-way system and terrifyingly tyre-marked narrow pavements interlace a city of strange harmony.

In each age Toulouse seems to have turned change and decay to its advantage. Even the narrow pink Roman bricks which kindle its distinctive glow have been softened into turrets, rounded into towers and arches. Lübeck or Amsterdam would have gloried in their right angles, sharpening them into stepped gables and doorways: Toulouse refused.

The city's dissent was at its peak in the early middle ages when the Cathars, religious reformers and merchant clerks, fuelled the city's music, poetry and commerce by countering the feudal wealth of the archbishops with a progressive *embourgeoisement*.

Their age saw the building of Saint-Sernin, the largest Romanesque basilica in Western Europe. Approach it from the central marketplace down the narrow Rue du Tur: that's how Saint Saturnin, who evangelized the town in the third century, ended up at his burial place, dragged by the bull which was the instrument of his martyrdom. Each nave, a tunnel of pale arches and echoing perspectives of light and tone, holds within it the space of two long centuries of architectural evolution. Everything grows from the circle and back to it again.

But the circle was broken. The Albigeois Crusade steamrollered the Cathars and the independent county of Toulouse. The Dominicans held sway: the Order of Preachers set their mark on the city in the Convent of the Jacobins, 10 minutes' leisurely walk down the Rue Valade and the Rue Lakanel. The eyes, drawn far into the long distances of Saint-Sernin, are turned directly upwards by the Jacobin's seven massive pillars which grow along the centre of the single nave like slender palms into an efflorescence of fronded vaulting.

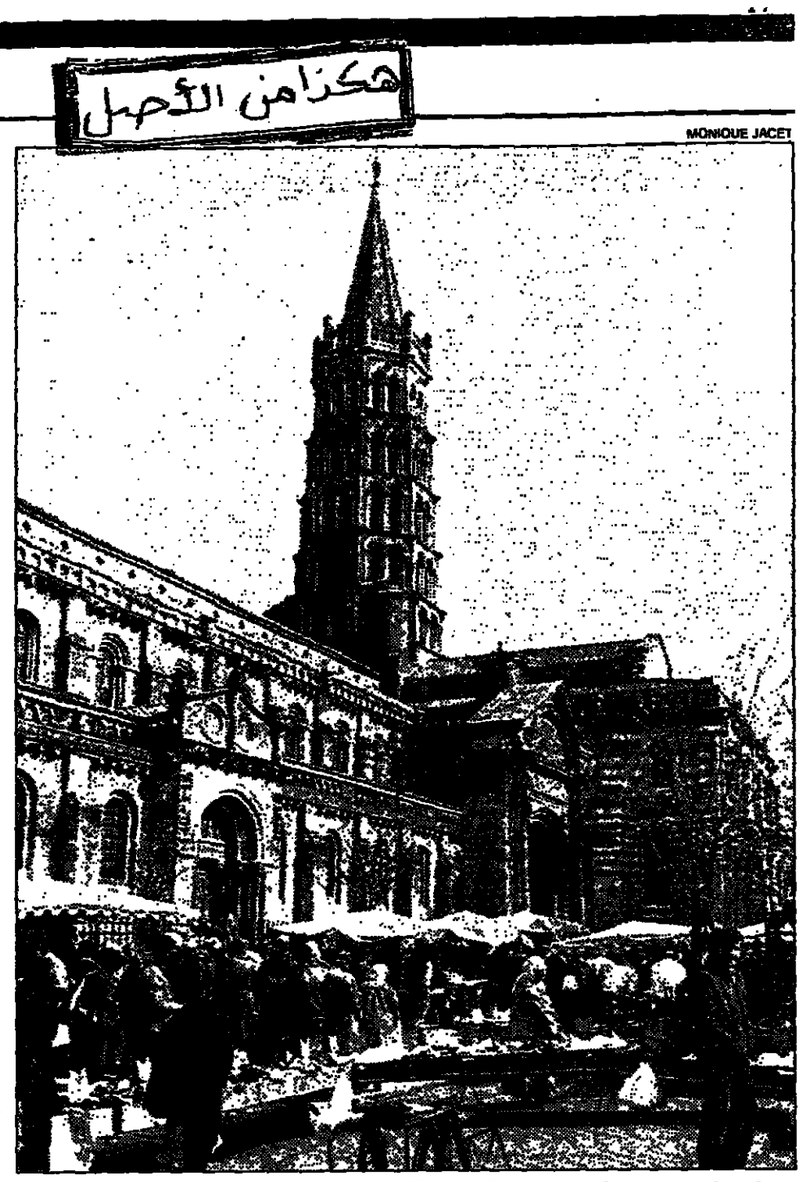
The mid 14th-century housed the Augustins, too: their convent is now a living museum, its upper galleries heavy with treasure from ransacked cloisters and paintings confiscated from the aristocracy. Gargoyles, too, were salvaged: they stand in the cloister tall and erect, in long silent lines, heads thrown back, snarling and baying to the moon.

The cloister itself is ringed by Toulouse's Oxford Street and Regent Street: the Rue de Metz and the Rue d'Alsace-Lorraine. There is Monoprix and Fnac; there are restaurants dedicated to the duck (liver, potted, preserved), to Armagnac (in the pastry-laced Pastis Gascon), and to the crystallized violet; there is a pet-shop with the largest, most woebegone toucan in Europe.

Toulouse has always been a merchant town. It came into its own in the 16th century thanks to a tiny tincturized plant which colonized the city. Its leaves were boiled and ground, and the pastel it yielded gave the city a renaissance of its own, and built the palaces and hôtels at its heart.

It is easy to miss them. The great archways are the clue to what lies behind an often sombre, unprepossessing facade: walk through any one of them in the Rue des Arts, the Rue Mage, the Rue de la Dalbade, and you will find yourself in a noble, self-confident courtyard of towers, clocks, and medieval memorabilia. The Hotel de Bernuy, d'Assézat and de Pierre are the ones to seek out.

In 1560 the India route was discovered, and with it the import of indigo. The age of pastel was over. Toulouse turned back to brick, laced it with wrought-iron balconies and intricately carved lintels, silver-grey like the avenues of French planes which grown tall and moss-free along every boulevard. There is one nasty surprise. Sooner or later, whether you've been shopping in the Rue Metz, ogling antiques in the Rue Tolosane, or mushroom hunting, you'll come upon the cathedral of Saint-Etienne. It is a disconcerting moment. For there in front of you, and it matters not which front you choose, is a chaotic time-capsule of Toulouse's history: seven centuries of architecture piled one on top of the other, before any one had the chance to grow up. A massive rectangular bell-tower perches askew a dungeon-like mass of brick; a gothic rose window grows like a parasite out of the side of a Romanesque arch. Toulouse had had its day.



MONIQUE JACET

Saint-Sernin, largest Romanesque basilica in Western Europe, seen from the market place

TRAVEL NOTES

Dan-Air (0345 100200) flies to Toulouse from £110 (Apex) to £288 return. Regular train and bus services run throughout the area, if you want to avoid using a car. Accommodation ranges from the clean but basic Hôtel de l'Université (from £8 a night) to the Grand Hotel de l'Opéra (from £70 a night) with the Logitel, a new experiment in hotel-flats, somewhere in between. Market-day is on Wednesday; there is a lively opera season at the Théâtre du Capitole, and an arts festival in July. Suggested reading: *Toulouse: Capital of Languedoc* by Pierre de Gros, and *La Vie quotidienne des Cathares du Languedoc* by René Nelli.

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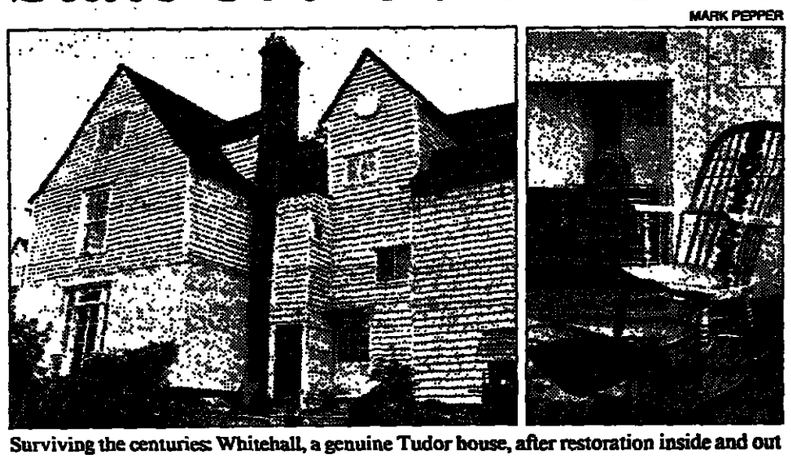
State of the timber art

Cheam is a suburb of surprises, from an Italian restaurant of legendary quality (Al San Vincenzo, near the railway station) to a superb set of Elizabethan monuments locked away in a chapel of the parish church.

In the village, some remarkably fine old houses have managed to withstand the speculative building explosion of the Twenties and Thirties – and it is particularly apt that in this sea of mock-Tudor one of these survivors should be a genuine, and uniquely interesting, Tudor house.

Whitehall, standing beside the main road through the village and now clad in white weatherboarding, was built around 1500, probably to house a yeoman farmer. It is an early example of a particular method of construction, continuous jettying, and the only one of its kind accessible to the public anywhere in the Greater London area.

Timber-framed, of course, it was built in two storeys throughout, rather than with a central hall open to the roof. This was state-of-the-art stuff, and a great advance in terms of home comfort, though it necessitated a chimney stack to take smoke away. In fact, this sort of house offered the same kind of advantages over less advanced dwellings as the mock-Tudor semis of this century did over the Victorian villa.



MARK PEPPER

Surviving the centuries: Whitehall, a genuine Tudor house, after restoration inside and out

How Whitehall was built, and its evolution over the centuries, is made wonderfully clear inside. Displays and captions, and crafty exposure of the structure at key points, make this a delightfully easy building to "read". For this we must thank the London borough of Sutton, which very commendably bought the place when it was showing signs of falling apart, had it sensitively restored, and in 1978 threw it open to the public.

The main reason why the building was threatening to fall down was not old age but the result of a mid-16th-century loft conversion. Climb the narrow, creaking stairs to the attic and you can see how it happened. More than four centuries ago, some bright spark of a builder cast his professional eye over certain essential bracing timbers and, with a sharp intake of breath, gave his verdict: "They'll have to go for a start, guv'nor". They did, and the roof duly began to settle and spread and force the outer walls apart.

Now, however, Whitehall stands firm, all shipshape and Bristol fashion, and a surprisingly friendly, bustling place. It is used as an exhibition centre and meeting place, and has an active educational programme. Every summer it celebrates its continued existence with a garden party. It also boasts an excellent tea shop where you can sample the subtly-spiced Nonsuch cake.

This, of course, is a reminder of another surprising thing about Cheam – that it once housed a royal palace of extraordinary splendour: Henry VIII's Nonsuch. Nothing now remains above ground of this astonishing building, but a display at Whitehall outlines its story and shows a few relics.

The coming of Nonsuch undoubtedly raised the tone of the neighbourhood, leading the owners of Whitehall to their ill-advised loft conversion – to say nothing of the two-storey porch. In the following century the plague led many Londoners to send their sons out to such rural spots as Cheam for their education, and the recently-founded Cheam School flourished.

Whitehall was certainly the home of the first headmaster, and may well have housed the school itself – which remains a famous name, though since 1934 it has been based in Berkshire. On the day I visited, the present headmaster of the present Cheam School was taking tea at Whitehall, no doubt thinking of little acorns and mighty oaks.

Nigel Andrew

Whitehall: Malden Road, Cheam (01-643 1236) is open April-September, Tues-Fri and Sun 2-5.30pm; Sat 10am-5.30pm. October-March, Wed, Thurs and Sun 2-5.30pm; Sat 10am-5.30pm. Also Bank Holiday Mons 2-5.30pm.

From civil war to classic comedy

A Weekend of Living History: The English Civil War Society are in residence at Avoncroft, camping in the Merchant's House and re-enacting military and domestic life as it was during the Civil War. Also wagon rides with the shire horse throughout the weekend and on Sunday 11am-12.30pm, displays of morris and clog dancing. Tearooms and picnic site.
Avoncroft Museum of Buildings, Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire (0527 31363). Today, tomorrow 11am-4.30pm. Adult £1.90, child 95p. Family ticket 2+2 £4.95.

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The Orangery, Kenwood, Hampstead Lane, London N6. Tomorrow 7.30pm. Tickets bookable on 01-379 5533 or at the door. Adult £2.50-£5, child £1.20-£2.50.

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The Piccadilly Theatre, Denman Street, London W1. Box office 01-437 5000. Tickets £10-£50, include a donation.

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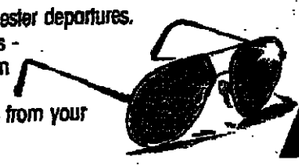
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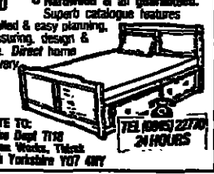
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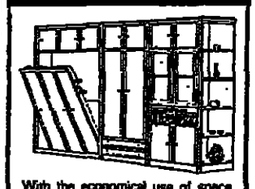
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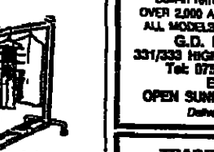
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Admittedly, wine label design has much improved since the days when all that was required was the name of the wine plus those of its shipper and producer, and who cared what the end result looked like? Today it seems new wines and their labels spend as much time in the hands of designers and the marketing department as they do with the winemaker.

Baron Philippe de Rothschild, of Mouton Rothschild, started the craze for artistic labels more than half a century ago with his handsome 1924 art deco label drawn by Carlu. Since then many famous artists, including Chagall, Picasso, Dali and Henry Moore, have all drawn Mouton labels.

The most spectacular in recent years has been that of the magnificent but expensive 1982 vintage (Gare du Vin, 23 Brompton Road, London SW7, £70), whose vibrant colours and stylish representation of red sun, purple grapes and white Mouton ram was surprisingly drawn by film maker John Huston.

ERIC BEAUMONT



Thankfully, attractive wines with attractive labels can be found at cheaper prices. The supermarkets have been curiously slow to jump on this bandwagon. Sainsbury's own designer label offerings feature old fashioned twee vineyard scenes while Asda generally goes in for wishy-washy pastel labels.

Tesco appears to be winning the own-label battle, especially with their new trio of Australian wines bought from Hardy's, a quality-minded and still family-owned firm. This trio's eye-catching labels depict evocative outback scenes that should cheer up any lunch or supper table.

Tesco's dry Rhine Riesling from Padthaway in south Australia, close to the first class Coonawarra district, the trio's home, is perhaps the best value for money; I enjoyed its pleasant, light, flowery-citric scent plus its clean, fresh, citric palate. Not a great wine but, priced at just £2.99 a bottle, a very useful purchase all the same.

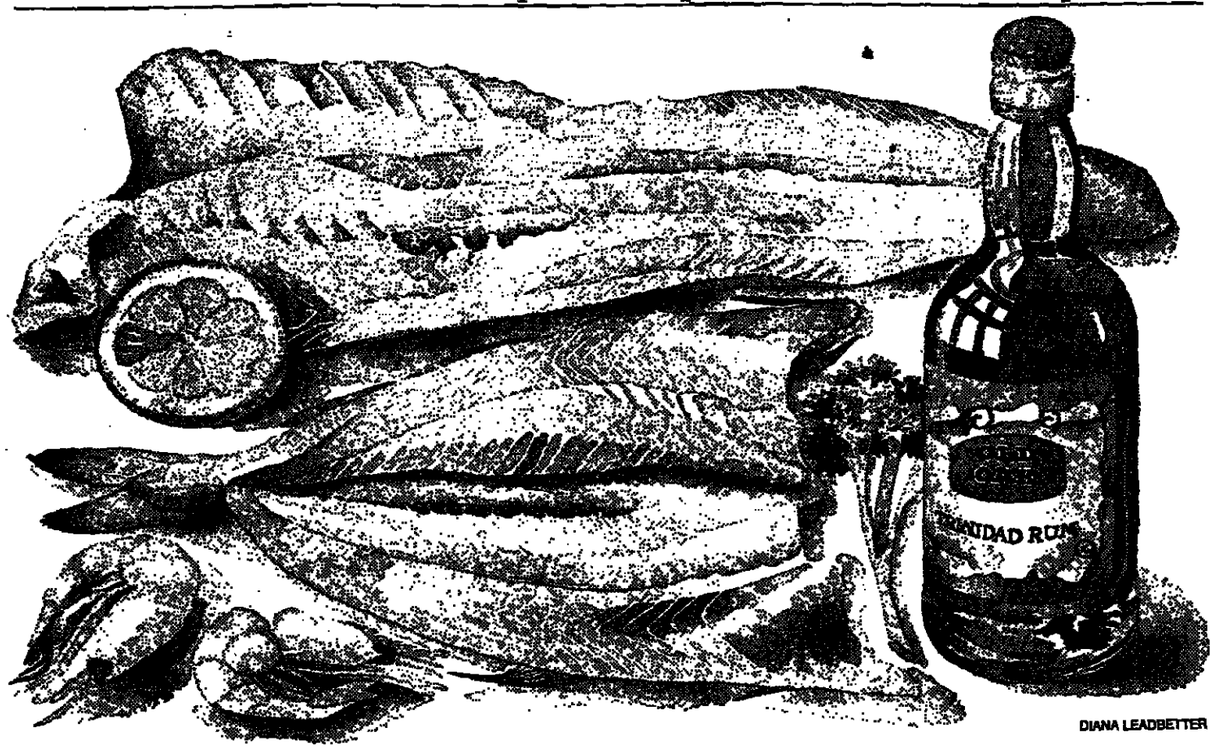
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Frances Bissell with some recipes to keep Britain's wet fish shops afloat



DIANA LEADBETTER

We have been doing the sort of entertaining that means my fishmonger has been seeing rather a lot of me recently. Friends came from Springfield, Missouri a couple of Saturdays ago where wet fish shops have all but disappeared. As a special treat, I poached a new season's salmon trout and served it warm with home-made mayonnaise.

Then I cooked dinner for a friend who does not eat meat but is not entirely vegetarian because she eats fish. This gave me an excuse to have a good browse around the fish shop. Sole, halibut and monkfish were all very expensive so I looked at the cheaper end of the range. The coley looked good, firm and pearly fresh. At £1.40 a pound, it was one of the cheaper fish.

Earlier in the week I had made a very tasty fish and potato pie using coley and a few prawns for extra flavour, so I decided on something different — a piece of smoked haddock. Finnan haddock has long been a favourite, but for the last couple of years our fishmonger has been selling fillets of undyed smoked haddock. And very good they are too, not a lurid crocus yellow but the pale colour you might expect of a fish fillet that has been lightly smoked.

I know that the bright yellow fish is labelled "no artificial colouring", and I suppose that is true, according to a broad interpretation. But it mystifies me that it is considered natural to dye fish with a substance produced from a tropical South American tree (annatto). When the Guild of Food Writers tackled manufacturers and supermarkets about this they were assured that that was what the consumer wanted. Until we as consumers tell the manufacturers otherwise, no doubt that's what they will go on believing.

Be assured too that the undyed smoked haddock is absolutely delicious. So delicious, in fact, that I decided not to cook it but serve it raw after marinating it for a few hours. It is also very good steamed or poached. Over the next few weeks, I shall be doing my bit to help keep wet fishshops in business, looking at some old favourites like skate and herring but suggesting one or two new ideas for cooking them. It would be very sad indeed if we finished up like Missouri.

This recipe for marinated smoked haddock is only worth doing with the undyed fish. It sounds improbable, but the aged rum, a very dry, delicate spirit, is an important ingredient. The rum flavour is, in the end, not distinguishable, but it blends harmoniously with the rest of the marinade. If you substituted cognac or malk whisky, you would get something of the same effect. Alternatively, leave the spirits out altogether. Hazelnut oil can be found in good delicatessens, grocers and certain branches of Sainsbury's and Marks and Spencer.

Marinated smoked haddock
(serves 4 to 6 as a starter)

- 1 lb/455 g fillet of undyed smoked haddock
- 6 tablespoons hazelnut oil
- freshly ground black pepper
- 1 onion, peeled and sliced
- 3 tablespoons aged rum (or no spirits at all)
- ½ lemon

Slice the fish as if you were slicing smoked salmon. Lay the slices in a shallow dish, in a single layer. Sprinkle with the oil and pepper and cover with slices of onion. Cover and let the dish stand in a cool place for 1 to 2 hours. Sprinkle on the rum and leave it for another hour. Arrange the slices on large dinner plates, suitably decorated, perhaps with lambs lettuce, diced, peeled tomatoes or strips of cucumber. Spoon on any marinade that has not been absorbed, and squeeze a few drops of lemon juice over each plate of fish, but do not overdo the lemon.

Coley pie
(serves 4)

- ½lb/230g new potatoes
- 1¼lb/570g skinned coley fillet
- 1 tablespoon orange juice
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- ½lb/230g shortcrust pastry
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped parsley
- 3 to 4oz/85g to 110g peeled prawns
- 3 tablespoons milk, single cream or fish stock
- 1oz/30g unsalted butter (optional)

Scrub and par boil the new potatoes. Cut the fish into 1½ins/4cm chunks and sprinkle with orange juice. Put the paprika, salt and pepper in a bag, and shake the fish in it to make sure that the pieces get well seasoned. Roll out enough pastry to line a pie dish. I use an old rectangular earthenware dish that is 9ins x 7ins x 1½ins/23 x 18 x 4 cm, but a round one of roughly the same volume would do just as well.

Slice the potatoes and put them in the bottom of the lined pie dish. Put the pieces of fish on top, sprinkle with parsley, and tuck the prawns well down between the pieces of fish. Moisten with whatever liquid you choose, and dot with butter if you like. Roll out the rest of the pastry, cover the pie, pinch the edges together to seal the pie and trim off the surplus pastry. Make a couple of small slits in the top to let steam escape, and roll out the pastry trimmings for decorations.

Brush the pie with milk or beaten egg to glaze, if you like, and bake in a preheated oven, gas mark 5, 190°C/375°F for 25 minutes. Serve hot or warm.

Now that it is farmed in Britain, quail is no longer the rarity it once was and is available all year round. Many butchers stock them or will get them to order, and you can often find quail in packs of four in Chinese supermarkets. For their size, they are surprisingly meaty, and one per person is quite sufficient.

You can roast or grill them, but I think they are better pot-roasted or casseroled which gives them plenty of tasty gravy. On average you can expect to pay 80p to £1 each. It is a good idea to wrap them to keep them moist or basted, but I cannot abide the practice of covering the breast of poultry or game birds with bacon. Use a thin layer of pork fat, if you like, although a butter wrapper is just as good. Or envelope the quails in leaves, lettuce, spinach or cabbage. The following recipe demonstrates how much nicer quails are when they taste of themselves rather than bacon.

Quails in spring greens
(serves 4)

- 4 oven ready trussed quails
- 8 to 12 leaves of spring greens
- pinch of salt
- ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1oz/30g softened unsalted butter
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh herbs
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed
- ¼ pint/140 mls stock or wine (red or white will do)

Fry the quails all over in a non-stick frying pan, and put them to one side. Remove the central tough stem from the spring greens and blanch them for a minute or two to make them pliable. Rinse under cold water and dry on paper towels. Season the butter and mix in the herbs and garlic. Divide into four, and put a "nut" of seasoned butter inside each quail. Wrap each one in two or three leaves and place them in a small casserole. Pour on the stock or wine, bring to the boil, cover and simmer gently or put in a medium hot oven for 25 minutes or so. Drain the cooking juices into a small saucepan and boil to reduce to a few spoonsful of gravy. Serve with the quails.

Here is a simple, inexpensive and light note on which to end a meal, if you are getting tired of rhubarb, oranges and pears which seem to be the only seasonal fruit around at the moment, apart from tropical imports.

Ricotta with apricot sauce
(serves 4)

- 6oz/170g untreated dried apricots
- ¾lb/340g fresh ricotta cheese
- 1oz/30g unsalted pistachio (optional)

Put the apricots in a small saucepan, and cover with boiling water. Leave them to stand for 20 to 30 minutes. Bring them to the boil and simmer gently, covered, until tender and plump. This can take them five to 30 minutes, depending on how dehydrated the apricots were to begin with. Make sure that they are kept covered with water. This will form part of the sauce.

Cool the apricots and rub them through a sieve. Chill until required. Slice the ricotta into four neat shapes and place on pudding plates. Blanch and peel the pistachios, and roughly crush them with a rolling pin. Pour some of the sauce on to the ricotta, without completely covering it, and scatter the pistachios on the sauce.

The contrast between the sharp fruity sauce and the bland, smooth cheese is pleasing and delicious. And pistachios definitely go with apricots, which makes it worthwhile hunting out a source of unsalted ones. You will probably find them in a wholefood shop which is also a good place to buy the apricots, as you are more likely to find untreated ones there. Prunes could replace the apricots if you prefer.

EATING OUT

Burberries and sashimi

Jonathan Meades enjoys a meal at one of London's least expensive Japanese restaurants where the click-clack of mah-jong has given way to the slurp of miso soup

Ninjin, at the northern end of the capital's Great Portland Street, and thus in truly central London by a few yards, is a former club set in a basement. It was, until a couple of years ago, a mah-jong club frequented exclusively by Japanese businessmen, and men only.

It is beneath a rather good Japanese food store which sells, among much else, a daunting range of fish cakes produced by the restaurant kitchen. It has not changed its sign, which still says Club, and it had not much changed its clientele.

As I walked down the stairs, a party of 20 or so Japanese men walked up, each member wearing a variant of the traditional spring uniform, a uniform which must bring gladness to the heart of Britain's rainwear manufacturers. There were Quelrayns and Burberries and Aquascutums and Paul Smiths for the younger ones, and every other chair in the restaurant had such a garment draped over it.

The remaining chairs were nearly all filled by Japanese men who had mastered the difficult trick of simultaneously eating, smoking, reading a paper and talking. These pursuits were more rewarding than gaping at the surrounds, which were drearily utilitarian — honeycomb plastic ceiling, dark wood tables, mobile screens. The only decorative ornament was a series of half-hearted floral murals; the only aural ornament a series of Japanese pop songs emitted by a distant speaker.

This is one of London's least expensive Japanese places, and among the most interesting. The repertoire of dishes makes some worthwhile diversions from the norm. There is, for instance, the meat and potato stew otherwise encountered only at Ikkyu in Tottenham Court Road.

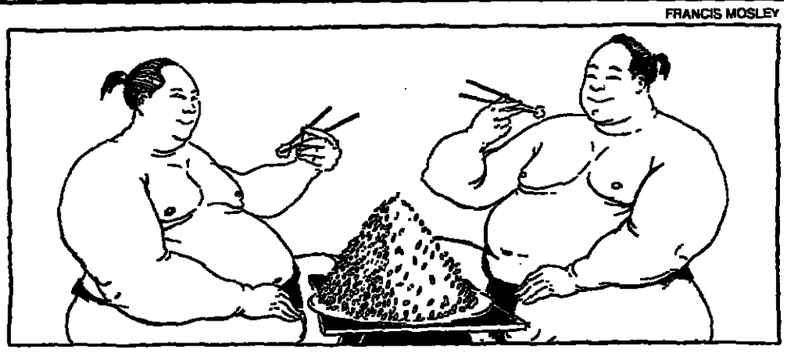
There is a further dish that is both worthwhile and more or less unknown in Japanese places, very light dumplings stuffed with meat and onion. Such a dumpling is, of course, one of the archetypical dishes of the world and is found in one version or another from Poland to Peking. This version is among the finest.

The sashimi here is the cheapest I can recall, £5.50. Things such as miso soup, plain grilled salmon and yet another unusual dish, minced chicken grilled on a skewer, are all to be recommended.

The only false note was a horribly fat, breadcrumbed pork chop which was partially saved by being served with a salad that had something approaching a proper dressing; this salad included cold mashed potato spiked with onion and cucumber — a confection that was rather nicer than it must sound. With tea to drink, two will pay £30.

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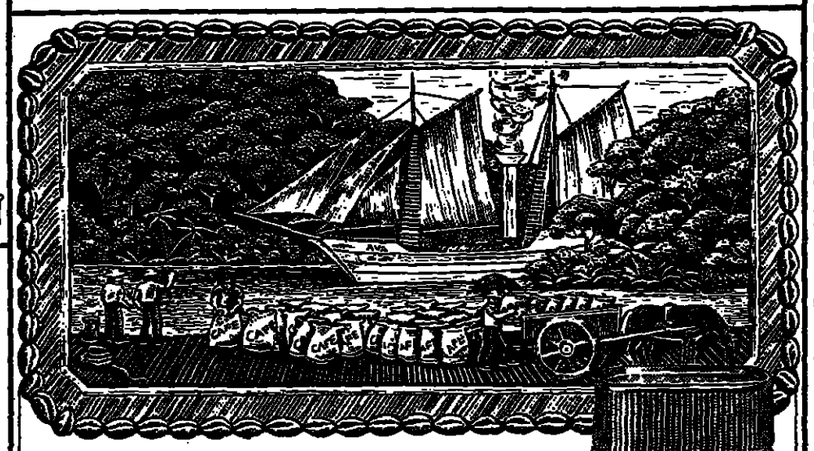
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THE ARTS

Docklands plot still stirs as it thickens

A London disc jockey this week described the ambiance of a local radio station which is created in *Thin Air* (BBC1) as so real that it took the enamel off your teeth.

Increasingly admirable in its second episode, this new thriller certainly does not stint on the

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chain-smoking, the plastic cups of plastic coffee, the thick kid reporters whose horizons are relentlessly lowered by even more stupid editors, and the all-pervading sound of the station with its ghastly propensity for proving Noel Coward correct about cheap music.

In addition, this series provides the only well-written part I can recall in popular television for a pretty young woman, of which the gifted and fortunate actress Kate Hardie is making the absolute best.

It is difficult to convey the precise blend of affection and contempt inspired by the lover who inquires: "Are you all right?" when you have been crying your eyes out all night, but Miss Hardie's transparent features triumphed over this challenge.

I could quibble with the more sensational dimensions of the plot, in which corrupt Docklands developers, dope dealers and media entrepreneurs are somehow enmeshed, but since this agenda is conveyed with fast cutting, close close-ups and eloquent detail it seems more credible than it should.

***Dispatches* (Channel 4) provided a timely insight into the mentality of a terrorist. In Germany the surviving leaders of the Red Army Faction are involved in a move towards public dialogue. The hope is that by such acknowledgement Germans will be able to come to terms not only with the terrorist movement, in which four and a half million people were once suspected of complicity, but also with the cycle of repression and extremism which recurs in their history.**

The programme argued that the combination of repressive government, personal cowardice and extremist reaction had virtually created the terrorist movement. Among the reformed activists, Astrid Proll paid tribute to the "incredible liberalism" which she had encountered in Britain and which, she said, had helped to modify her attitudes.

Celia Brayfield

Frederic Raphael, whose latest novel is out on Monday, is an Englishman bred but not born, **Katherine Stephen** writes

Still the outsider



An American in London: Frederic Raphael admits he has something of "a love-hate relationship with England"

Behind a tall clipped hedge and high white gates that announce a degree of apprehension toward the outside world there lies the English country house of Frederic Raphael. It is in a village surrounded by Essex countryside. Not that "Freddie", as he is known, and his wife Sylvia-Betty (she introduces herself by her nickname, "Beetle"), are often there. Seventeen years ago they flew away to France, settling in idyllic circumstances in the Dordogne: "I work best there," Raphael says.

England, evidently, could not hold him. Tall, extra-animated, with a conversational technique that is a cross between the schoolboy determined to dazzle his examiner and a fencer aiming for his opponent's heart, Raphael has always had an uneasy relationship with England — an uneasiness from which he says he derives most of his strength as a writer.

He is dressed casually and sits chatting — or rather, making small speeches. "I am both novelist and screenwriter," he says. But he knows that when the credits roll on his life — possible future literary triumphs excepted — it will be his scripts for which he is remembered. "Middle literary" was the late Marghanita Laski's succinct dismissal of his novels and though he has written many (*The Trouble With England, Like Men Betrayed, Heaven and Earth*), his strength seems to be not so much in the manipulation of words, but in plot, images, dialogue: words that can come to life on screen.

It was Raphael who plotted the Sixties morality play of the simultaneous rise and fall of Julie Christie in her mini-skirt as she travelled the large social distance from being the girlfriend of a mere journalist to the neglected wife of an Italian aristocrat in *Darling*. He was 35 when that screenplay won him an Oscar. A little later he was chosen to write the adaptation of *Far From the Madding Crowd*, which much of the world outside Britain regards as the most vividly English film since the war.

But most particularly, it is the series of plays Raphael created for television in the mid-Seventies, *The Glittering Prizes*, which starred Tom Conti and helped define what Raphael sees as modern England's troubled relationship with itself, that may be seen as his most emphatic statement.

On Monday Raphael, 57, publishes a new novel called *After the War* (Collins, £11.95). It will be followed next year by a 10-part series for Granada Television of the same name. This time, he says, Raphael the novelist and Raphael the screenwriter are inextricably mingled.

"Normally, there is a certain rule in the aesthetics of fiction which is that it's proper to write a novel and then write a film or a play but that it's improper to do it the other way," he says. "I don't want to give the impression that I've done the improper thing. What I've actually done is to do more or less both things at the same time, overlapping — and a very exhausting and long business it's been too." It took him three years, after accepting an offer from Granada Television, to fashion this broad-canvassed, many-characterised scheme designed to encapsulate the generation that came of age in Britain at the end of the Second World War.

Raphael was 13 when the war ended. "We didn't know anything except by clichés of various kinds. So one spent the whole of one's adolescence trying to get out of the light of received ideas."

His novel tells the story of a talented, public school educated, Jewish young man named Michael Jordan, who becomes a successful playwright in London, and the parallel adventures of his sister, Rachel. Raphael has long wanted to eclipse the reputation he made for himself with *The Glittering Prizes*. How will *After the War* be compared? "It came later and it's a bit longer. I don't have any view of its merits. After Cicero spent a great deal of time explaining to the Senate how he had saved the Roman public, he observed that it were better that another had said it."

This commentator, criticizer and definer of modern Englishness, is not completely English at all — except by manner, accent, education, and ultimate allegiance. He was born in Chicago and moved to New York when he was three. His mother is American; he has retained his American citizenship, making him, as he says, ineligible for many British literary prizes. To find the American in him, he says, one does not have to look very far.

If he was an American in those crucial years before the age of seven, then he underwent the process of *becoming* English when his British father brought the family back before the war. But what was inate for his schoolfriends had to be learned.

He became the outsider looking into the heart of the Establishment, while becoming like it in the process. But he saw problems with the sort of Englishness he observed at Charterhouse and Cambridge. This gave him a subject and, as he cheerfully acknowledges, something to complain about.

"I didn't go along with the whole public school ethos — and yet I did. I'm capable of being quite tart-tongued and quite easily hurt — it's not a very good combination in life or in public schools. The contempt for Jews, blacks, people who were left-handed — I mean there was no part of the world toward which the English, at that time, could not arrange to feel disdain. Racism in England goes right down to the bottom.

"I do have a love/hate relationship with England and I don't know any writer who would bother to be a writer who wouldn't have a love/hate relationship with almost anything he wrote about."

Raphael is defensive, in that very English way, about the symbols of success that writing about this subject has brought him. Journalists so often misinterpret these things, he protests. Would we be able to look each other in the eye when next we met, he wonders, or would there be another betrayal?

Despair of living too long

The Makropoulos Case
Coliseum

OPERA

Nothing but a warm welcome back is in order for David Pountney's production, revived by Sally Day, of Janáček's bizarre but human essay on the necessity of death. As far as the leading role is concerned, there have been no changes since the production first arrived on the ENO stage, courtesy of Scottish Opera and the WNO, in 1982.

Josephine Barstow still commands as Emilia Marty, reduced to emotional emptiness and hard-nosed cynicism by her 300 years' worth of life experience. Even if in the face of Janáček's opulent orchestration it is sometimes difficult to catch everything she sings, the part is ideal for her style of acting. Perhaps she occasionally lacks subtlety, but there are few singers as capable of exploring such despair while maintaining such a hard façade.

Bonaventura Bottone, the Janek in the 1984 revival, returns with his first Albert Gregor, singing with all the ardency and the power such an absurdly besotted character demands. His rival in legal battle, Baron Prus, is equally sympathetically taken by Jacek Strauch, while two newcomers to the production, Paul Harrhy as the wimpish, self-destructive Janek, and Terry Jenkins as the (literally?) haunting figure of the insane Count Hauk-Sendorf, make an important impact.

Aurally and visually the production remains a treat. The conductor, Lionel Friend, senses the evolution of the music to its white hot climax with an uncanny feeling for its shape, and the ENO orchestra play only marginally less than brilliantly, but with a notably ripe string and woodwind sound. Maria Bjornson's stage designs, with piled up desks, statues and hat boxes, are stunning.

Stephen Pettitt

Walking on the crust of hell

THEATRE

Don Juan
Royal Exchange, Manchester

The infernal doom awaiting Molière's libertine Don looms over him throughout Ian McDiarmid's visually striking production in the form of five black columns suspended above the stage, their bases tapering like sticks of sealing wax in the hellish heat. The surface of the island stage is broken up into patches suggesting lead melting in a crucible, and the stage itself is ringed with metallic writhing figures like a Rodin vision of the damned.

If this setting (by Julian McGowan) is not merely ornamental, it is there to suggest that Don Juan conducts his escapades on the very crust of hell. And fair enough, since he is on stage almost throughout the play and the subject of discussion when he is off. But the setting implies that everyone else walks the same perilous course, even if unaware of it, and such emphasis in a secular age makes the underlying theme of divine punishment irrelevant to experience.

Unless, in some way, hell lies within ourselves. As if following this line, Jonathan Kent's Juan incarnates the vision of joyless experience. With a sneer permanently fixed in his parchment face, every turn of the head and hands and legs is measured and artificial. A master of the contemptuous snarl, Kent is once or twice so elegantly overcome by *ennui* that his voice expires on a whisper.

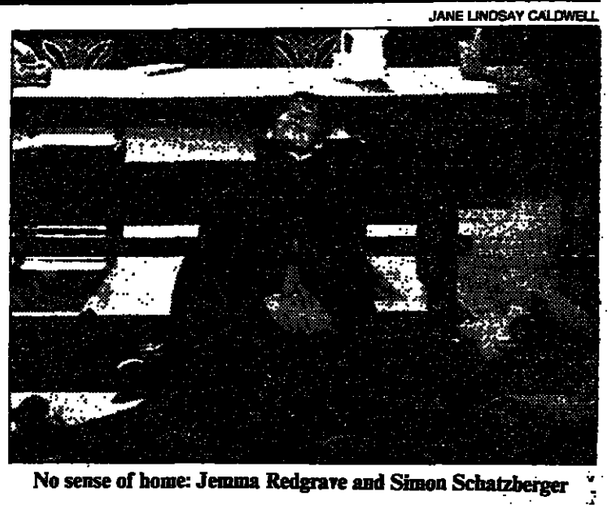
This is a continuously fascinating performance and whenever he and his servant are in charge of the play the production succeeds. Bernard Bresslaw's sonorous tones capture the unstable compound of folly and good sense in Sganarelle, and it is a real pleasure hearing him get his tongue round "circumloquacity". He is the reluctant semi-hero eager to retreat to the sidelines, safe from outraged relatives of abandoned women, where statues never nod their heads.

The movements of the bronze statue (Paul Rattee) are impressively ominous and the short scene with the Pauper (Marcus Hutton) is also well handled. It is the more welcome to modern taste in that it is the only occasion in the play when an action is begun and completed within a scene: Don Juan will give the beggar a coin if he blasphemes and the man refuses.

Unfortunately, not all the performances even approach the central partnership for quality. Most seriously, Katherine O'Toole's unimpressive Elvira, neither moved nor moving, leaves an aching void at a crucial point of the drama.

Jeremy Kingston

JANE LINDSAY CALDWELL



No sense of home: Jemma Redgrave and Simon Schatzberger

A strange dream from Strindberg

Easter
Haymarket, Leicester

Featuring two siblings with a Christ-identification, and boosting his family history into another Resurrection, Strindberg's *Easter* has no right to be a good play. But as David Leveaux proves in this beautifully cast production, it can be utterly spell-binding.

Strindberg quarried the piece out of his childhood memories of his father's bankruptcy, and presents a household in constant fear of creditors. Ellis (a self-portrait) is a violently self-pitying teacher, with hopeless longings to escape to the Northern lakes with his fiancée Kristina for a ritual cleansing of the family guilt. His sister Eleonora, meanwhile, returns from a mental home; and, to complete the party, the main victim of parental embezzlement — Lindkvist — has settled in the town.

As Strindberg handles it, this dismal picture takes on the quality of a dream, at once fateful and paradisal. Two aspects of this transformation are worth pointing out.

First, by setting the action in a sleepy town where nothing ever happens, he intensifies the impact of tiny events. So the shadow of Lindkvist on the curtains appears that of a huge bogeyman; and when Eleonora removes a single daffodil from a florist's you can share the family's fear that the police are on her trail. Secondly, coming after Strindberg's "Inferno" period, the play is obsessively concerned with the need for kindness in a world where it is so easy to inflict irreparable damage.

David Leveaux presents it on a raked black ramp (by Philippe Brandt) leading to the sight of a birch tree through the huge upstage windows. All the lighting is directional — picking out such isolated properties as the solitary daffodil, and the father's hat and coat — so as to establish a non-realistic space where past and aspects of the present converge. There is no sense of a surrounding house: characters come and go from nowhere.

The success of any production depends above all on Eleonora, a Scandinavian relative of Dostoevsky's Idiot, who would be sunk by the smallest trace of whimsicality. Jemma Redgrave's performance is one that suggests brain-to-brain contact with her creator: a candid, impetuous, and gentle figure, fully in this world while following the dictates of another.

Gerald Murphy's Ellis remarkably broadens his range from angry defiance to relaxation and simple contentment. There are other fine performances from Jennie Stoller and Bruce Purchase as an ogre whose roar is worse that his club.

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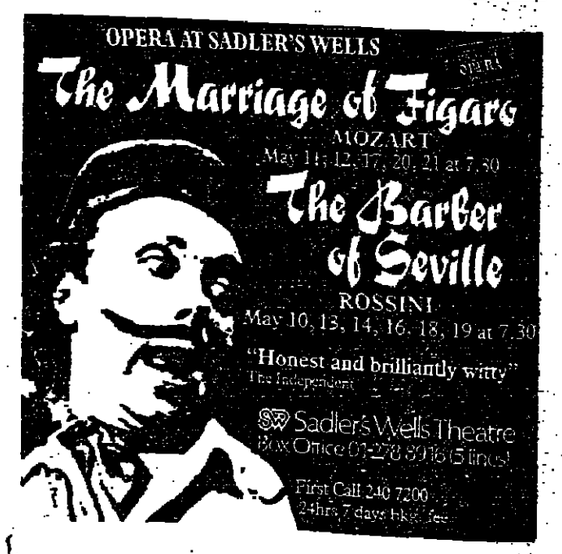
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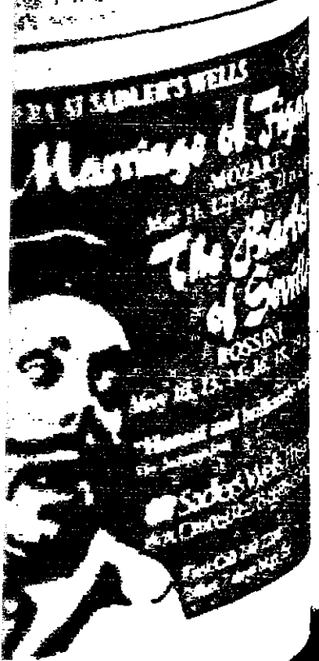
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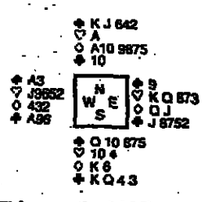
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Tempting targets

Whether one likes it or not, it must be conceded that the Relay and Strong Pass systems do hit the target more often than the blunderbuss methods of yesteryear.

All three pairs representing New Zealand in the World Championships used an intricate Relay structure; Britain used two Strong Pass systems. But, as the clash between the two sides in the second Round Robin reveals, "H'accidents still 'appen".

Bermuda Bowl
Great Britain v New Zealand
Love all, dealer North



This was the bidding when New Zealand were North-South:

W	N	E	S
Kirby	Blackstock	Armstrong	Newell
–	1♡ (1)	2♣ (2)	4♣ (3)
No	No	No	–

(1) Showing 8 to 14 points and at least four spades, if I remember correctly.
(2) Showing a two-suiter without spades.
(3) A value bid.

Newell made the obvious 11 tricks. The British auction was longer.

W	N	E	S
Reid	Forres	Crombi	Brock
–	1◇	No	1♠
No	3♡ (1)	No	4◇ (2)
No	4♡ (2)	No	5♣ (2)
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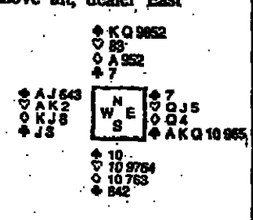
(1) Splinter bid agreeing spades.
(2) Cue bids.

The play was mercifully brief.

When an experienced pair go astray, it is usually unwise to try to apportion the blame because cue bidding is so much a matter of partnership style. 11 IMPs to New Zealand.

On board 30 Great Britain recovered the points with interest.

Great Britain v New Zealand
Love all, dealer East



W	N	E	S
Kirby	Blackstock	Armstrong	Newell
–	–	1♠	No
2◇	No	2♠	No
3◇	No	3♠	No
4◇	No	4NT	No
5◇	No	6♠	No
No	No	–	–

Armstrong and Kirby used their form of the Precision system to reach the perfect spot. Obviously Six no trumps fails on a spade lead.

This was the New Zealand bidding:

W	N	E	S
Reid	Forrester	Crombie	Brock
–	–	3NT(1)	No
6♠ (2)	No	7♠ (3)	No
No	No	–	–

(1) Promising a solid minor with no Ace or King outside.
(2) A good bid, selecting the right contract.
(3) It is tempting, but horribly wrong, to assume that East's red Queens will yield the 13th trick.

I'm sure Crombie knew this all too well, but perhaps like Oscar Wilde, he could resist anything but temptation.

Jeremy Flint

CHESS

Youth sets pace

Babes and sucklings have recently been displaying an alarming tendency to grow incisor teeth. Matthew Sadler, aged 13, a pupil at Sir Joseph Williamson Mathematical School, Rochester, Kent, achieved his first International Master result at the recently concluded Oakham School tournament. This is certainly a British record and even exceeds the performance of Bobby Fischer at the same age.

Matthew clinched his sensational result with a fine win in the last round against a Czech player, four years his senior, who already holds the international title.

White: Matthew Sadler; Black: Ladislaw Stratil.
Benoni Defence.

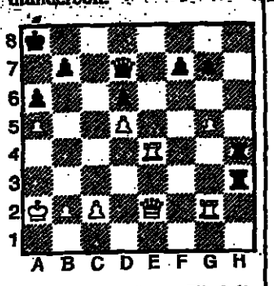
1 d4	Nf6	2 c4	e6
3 Nf3	c5	4 d5	exd5
5 cxd5	d6	6 Nc3	g6
7 Nd2	Na6	8 Nc4	Nc7

Black's handling of the opening has been extremely artificial and Sadler now dispatches his opponent with a few bold strokes. Especially impressive in what follows are the forceful peregrinations of White's King's Knight.

9 e4	b5	10 Na5	a6
11 Bg5	Bg7	12 Of3	Bd7
13 a3	dxe5	14 Nb2	Qe7
15 d6	Qa6	16 Bxf6	Bxf6
17 Nxc5		Black resigns	

After 17 . . . Qxd6 18 Nc3e4 is absolutely murderous.

If Sadler's result was sensational how can one describe the performance of the 11-year-old Hungarian girl prodigy, Judith Polgar? Almost simultaneously with Sadler's success, Judith notched up an International Master result as well at the New York Open tournament. In the process she smashed the world record for a young player making an International Master result. I give a sample of her play from a recent tournament in Reykjavik where her surprised opponent, the champion of Norway and a seasoned International Master himself, was struck down by Judith's thunderbolt.



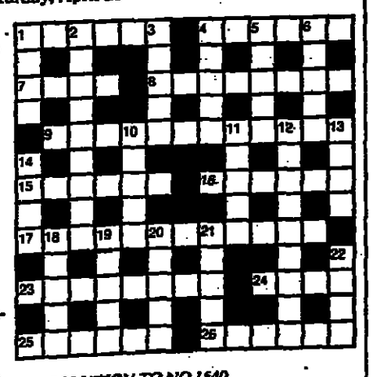
White: Jonathan Tisdall; Black Judith Polgar
White threatens Re8+ winning, but it is Black's move and Judith wrapped things up in just one stroke. She played 1 . . . Qa4+!! and White resigned. After 2 Rxa4 Rxa4+ 3Kb1 Rb1+ forces checkmate. It is highly unlikely, indeed inconceivable, that Judith's world record for an International Master result will ever be broken.

Raymond Keene

CROSSWORD

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1541

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, April 21. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, April 23



ACROSS
1 Crowded by fans (6)
4 Procedure (6)
7 Decimal points (4)
8 Remnant (8)
9 Looking for a fight (2,3,7)
15 Niche (6)
16 Nerve (6)
17 Congratulation (12)
23 Fire-resistant mineral (8)
24 In near future (4)
25 Strong point (6)
26 Evaluate (6)

DOWN
1 1st Oxford public exams (4)
2 Plants related (9)
3 Rummage (5)
4 Bulgarian capital (5)
5 Exclusive (5)
6 Throw out (5)
10 Devastation (5)
11 Shetlands/Orkneys current (5)
12 Aircraft observation bubble (9)
13 Close attention (4)
14 Homeless child (4)
18 Come next (5)
19 Queen Boudicca's Tribe (5)
20 Bury (5)
21 Mohammed's favourite wife (5)
22 Burden (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1540
ACROSS: 1 Kowtow 4 Versus 7 Omen 8 Acapulco 9 Kestrel 11 Caddy 12 Right Reverend 15 Proxy 16 Actuary 20 King Kong 21 Sumo 22 Repast 23 Renege
DOWN: 1 Knocker 2 Weeds 3 Weave 4 Veal 5 Splodge 6 Showy 10 Ritzy 11 Crest 13 Grown up 14 Dry hole 15 Poker 17 Cigar 18 Abuse 19 Lout

The winners of prize concise No 1535 are: Miss J. MacPhail, Lochbrae Court, Lochbrae Drive, Burnside, Glasgow, and D.M. Macarthur, Wellington Park, Clifton, Bristol.

SOLUTION TO NO 1535 (last Saturday's prize Concise)
ACROSS: 1 Cobber 4 Seduce 7 Noun 8 Cinquain 9 Equestrienne 15 Ocelot 16 Icicle 17 Psychiatrist 23 Multiple 24 Haka 25 Yearly 26 Not yet
DOWN: 1 Cone 2 Brusquely 3 Races 4 Sonar 5 Douse 6 Cairn 10 Epoch 11 Incur 12 Necessary 13 Ever 14 Hoop 18 Sauce 19 Cater 20 Imply 21 Tie in 22 Kant.

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REVIEW

Power and passion

RECORDS

Bach: St Matthew Passion: Te Kanawa, Otter, Rolfe Johnson, Blochwitz, Krause, Bär, Chicago SO and Chorus/Solti. Decca 421 177-2 (3 CDs)

Of the top "mainstream" conductors, it is now generally only those of the older generation who are still daring to record big Baroque choral works using symphonic forces. In other words, in 20 years the *only* new versions of Bach and Handel (and possibly even Haydn) will be on original instruments. So perhaps one should treasure magnificent dinosaurs like Sir Georg Solti's new recording of Bach's St Matthew Passion.

Solti tells us that, after 40 years of conducting the *St Matthew*, he is now "convinced that smaller forces are better". Here he uses a professional chorus of 80! One wonders what his larger forces were like.

In fact, where the music is *dramatic enough to engage* Solti's theatrical genius, the singing of the Chicago Symphony Chorus is often thrilling. But the handling of the chorales hovers somewhere between Glasgow Orpheus and Mormon Tabernacle — either bland and sentimental or bland and noisy, but never subtly mirroring the text.

Far better treated are the string accompaniments for Olaf Bär's intelligent and beautifully modulated Christus: the crescendos and sudden throwing into relief of viola lines is, admittedly, a bit Puccinesque, but one does sense a powerful musical personality at work.

Hans Peter Blochwitz is a sensitive Evangelist, aptly changing pace for moments like Judas's kiss and the cock-crow. Solti, rather naughtily, dispenses with cello continuo for most of this recitative, but the organ playing is neat.

Anne Sophie von Otter contributes the most successful arias — she alone consistently fills Solti's generally slow tempi with rich, impassioned tone. Tom Krause's bass timbre is easy enough on the ear, but he croons his way through *"Gerne will ich mich bequemen"*, where his breath control leaves much to be desired. Kiri Te Kanawa sounds unnaturally constricted in emotional projection, though she clears the tricky technical hurdles well enough; Anthony Rolfe Johnson is typically stylish and economical.

One plus factor must be the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's razor-sharp playing which includes some superb solo obbligatos. It would be a pity if virtuoso symphony orchestras entirely renounced the chance to play what is, after all, virtuoso music.

Richard Morrison



An ugly duck grows up

JAZZ

John Zorn: Spillane (Nonesuch 979 172-1)
Power Tools: Strange Meeting (Antilles AN 8715)

The sight of John Zorn blowing a duck-call into a bowl of water while Steve Lacy and Misha Mengelberg stood mutely to one side drove me in a rage from a Company concert at the Roundhouse some years ago; since then the young New York saxophonist has symbolized to me the potentially destructive effect of Dadism on jazz.

Well, so much for that fancy little opinion. *Spillane* — and in particular its title track, a 25-minute high-density collage inspired by the eponymous pulp novelist's themes and characters — shows that out of duck-calls has sprung a composer of remarkable originality.

A girl screams; tyres squeal; a guitar knocks out a nonchalant cocktail-bar riff; and a voice intones: "You kill 10 guys, one of them is bound to come back — he doesn't know how dead he is." Atmosphere is all, and Zorn edits his fragments into a montage that sometimes jolts, sometimes amuses, and always grips.

The other two pieces on the album — "Forbidden Fruit", in which the Kronos Quartet find their Bartokian astringency violated by the technique of turntable scratching, and "Two-Lane Highway", a concerto for the blues guitarist Albert Collins, — are not as extraordinary, but Zorn's intelligent use of banal materials remains impressive.

He also shows impeccable taste in musicians: the long-lost organist John Patton turns up on "Two-Lane Highway", which is mostly propelled by the Decoding Society's team of Melvin Gibbs (bass) and Ronald Shannon Jackson (drums); throughout "Spillane", the weirdly versatile guitar of Bill Frisell leaves its traces.

Gibbs, Jackson and Frisell get together under the collective title of *Power Tools for Strange Meeting*, an album of music perhaps best described as post-Hendrix rock that could only have been made by post-Coltrane jazz musicians.

You have to like the basic sound and energy of rock music to enjoy this record to the full, but Gibb's compositional talent ought to be obvious to anyone, which every note Frisell plays is further evidence on behalf of the developing theory that he represents his instrument's major new voice.

Richard Williams

Innocently old fashioned

ROCK RECORDS

Erasure: The Innocents (Mute STUMM 55)

The brave new instrumentation of the Eighties has become such a comfortably familiar sound, that no amount of plinking synthesizer parts and pneumatic, programmed rhythm structures on Erasure's third album, The Innocents, will convince me that Andy Bell and Vince Clarke are anything other than the Peter and Gordon of contemporary pop.

For theirs is a formula which emphasizes the dyed-in-the-wool values of a clearly sung, catchy melody, buoyed up by a clean, uncluttered production, the stuff of the recent hit "Ship Of Fools" and most of the other tracks on this album too.

Bell's singing has grown increasingly confident and the lyrics are more adventurous than standard pop fare, but potentially interesting ideas stumble over rhymes like "Medusa/seduce you", and are stopped dead in their tracks by the ineffable clumsiness of a chorus couplet like "Oh why am I all alone?/I'm as good as dead yeh".

Apart from "Sixty-Five Thousand", a lively departure into a neo-house, instrumental groove, the precisely articulated melodies and the same chrome-hearted, metronome rhythms make *The Innocents* a decidedly strait-laced, old-fashioned collection.

David Sinclair

NEW PAPERBACKS

The Deputy Literary Editor's selection of interesting paperbacks published this week:

The new Observer's Book of Flags, by William Crampton (Warne, £3.95) Swaziland has a fearsome looking shield and spears. Nepal's is the only one that isn't rectangular.
Hedylus, by H.D. (Carcanet, £4.95) Reprint of little known Classical novel by Hilda Doolittle, retiring Imagist poet and protégé of Ezra Pound.
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Gypsy, by Gypsy Rose Lee (Futura, £5.95) "A stylish opera-length hosanna to that peach of pen-women" S.J. Perelman.
Famed, by Michael Birt, (Harrap, £10.95) Photo portraits of famous people, now presumably made even more famous.

GARDENING

Join the pumpkin eaters

CLARE ROBERTS



Vegetable growing is becoming more imaginative and one of the tastiest vegetables now available to gardeners is the savoury pumpkin. Although little known and grown at present, *it makes a handsome* plant and gives fruits which can be made into one of the finest soups, or eaten steamed, stewed or roasted. What's more, pumpkins are high in calcium and vitamins.

Floury savoury pumpkins, however, are different from the mammoth types grown for Hallowe'en and the sweet kinds Americans use for pumpkin pie. Avoid varieties with giant in the name and look for Golden Delicious or Buttercup which are varieties which crop well in our temperate climate. (Don't worry if you find them classified as gourds or squashes.)

They are not difficult to grow, requiring the same conditions as outdoor tomatoes. I start pumpkins off indoors between now and the end of the month, potting them on until the sturdy little plants have two or three true leaves and there is little danger of frost in the garden. They need a sizeable planting hole (about 1ft/30cm square). Enrich the soil with a good compost or general fertilizer. A cloche covering is desirable though not obligatory, but young plants must be protected by some means from any sneakly, late frosts.

If you warm the soil first with a cloche or polythene covering, the young plants will grow more quickly. Allow 8-10 feet (about three metres) space for them to sprawl and feed with a high potash liquid feed (seaweed or tomato food). You can grow lettuces or other quick crops between pumpkins until their foliage covers the ground.

It is a good idea to cut the tip of the main shoot when it gets to about 2ft/60cm to encourage side-shoots, but there is no need to hand pollinate or worry about removing flowers. Only the roots need to be in the soil, so they may be grown over the end of a patio or to cover a concrete or paved area.

Pumpkins have more bodyweight if left to grow and ripen until the end of the summer, but they may be eaten quite young. Use the finger nail test; if you are unable to pierce the skin with your nail, the pumpkin is ripe enough to eat. Breaking the stalk from a pumpkin can cause rot in storage, so preferably cut the stem about a thumb-length up from the fruit.

Suppliers: Suttons list Golden Hubbard: Heritage Seeds (HDRA, Ryton-on-Dunsmore, Coventry CV8 3LG) have Buttercup: specialist Atlas Seeds (40 Victoria Street, Braintree, Essex) have six varieties.

Francesca Greenoak

WEEKEND TIPS

- **Apply mulch to young trees and shrubs.**
- **Plant up hanging baskets but keep them in a greenhouse or light, sheltered place until plants get established, and harden off before setting them out of doors.**
- **Make new lawns; either from seed or turf.**
- **Repair irregularities in existing lawns, filling hollows and reseeding bare patches.**
- **Begin planting main crop potatoes.**

GARDEN NEWS

- **Rose problems from early season aphides to more complicated matters will be answered sympathetically by Rosemary McCarthy's advisory service. Write to Rosemary Roses, Toton Lane, Stapleford, Nottingham NG9 7GA, enclosing sae.**
- **Space is at a premium at this time of year in greenhouses and garden sheds so a range of garden stacking storage homes and bins from Addis is especially welcome. Look out also for their garden Skipp (£6.99).**
- **Environmentally conscious gardeners should try the "bag-in-the-box" liquid fertilizer Super Natural liquid plant food (which has the Soil Association symbol) to give plants a spring boost. Price £4.50 for a three litre box.**
- **Having said in this column that no conservatory manufacturer is able to make rooflights in polycarbonate roofs, I can now announce that Deryk Brown Joiners (17a Burghley Street, Bourne, South Lincolnshire PE10 9NS), has made the breakthrough.**

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THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

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Forced to increase its seat prices by 15 per cent, thanks to its below inflation award from the Arts Council, the English National Opera could now lose its £1.25 million grant from Westminster City Council.

This grant is jeopardized by the Local Government Finance Bill under which central government takes over the collection of the business rate, which in Westminster amounts to five times the revenue from private homes. In deciding how much to return to Westminster, the Government will be looking at the services needed by the borough's tiny resident population, rather than its commitments to the arts.

David Elliott, ENO finance director, tells me that to sustain its grants to the Coliseum and the London Festival Ballet, Westminster would need to add an unthinkable £20 to the community charge. He said: "Westminster accounts for eight per cent of our income. Losing it would be the equivalent of cancelling five *Tannhausers*."

●**Australia's greatest dames head the cast of a gala concert celebrating the Australian bicentenary at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, next month: Dame Joan Sutherland sings part of Bellini's *opera Norma*; and Dame Edna Everage narrates Prokoviev's *Peter and the Wolf*.**

Flying finale

Philip Hedley, director of the Theatre Royal in London's east end, this week received the sort of glittering birthday tribute you wait until you are 80 for in Hollywood. Ian McKellen, Jean Boht, Jill Gascoine and half the cast of *EastEnders* and *Allo Allo* were among 500 who joined his 50th birthday cabaret and witnessed his rendition of *That Magnificent Man on the Flying Trapeze*.

Jazzed up

Joshua Reynolds will be spinning in his grave. The Royal Academy has persuaded a posse of distinguished jazz musicians, including Bob Wilber and Marian Montgomery, to perform at a Summer Exhibition private view and buffet on May 16. Sir Josh would, however, approve of the cause: the £75 and £45 tickets are in aid of the Royal Academy Schools.

Andrew Billen

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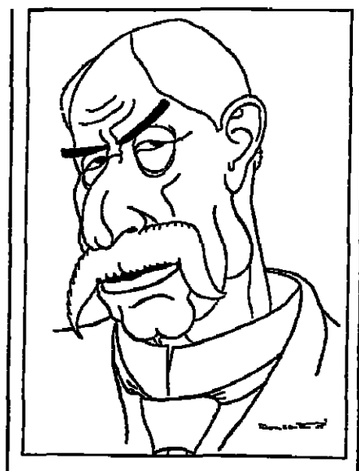
CONCERTS

LEN AND PHIL: Leonard Slatkin, the accomplished American conductor, twice appears with the Philharmonia Orchestra at the Festival Hall this week. Slatkin, noted for his exceptional grasp of structure and refinement of orchestral balance, conducts Shostakovich's Symphony No 5 and Samuel Barber's Cello Concerto tomorrow, with Berlioz's Roman Carnival Overture and Brahms's Symphony No 1 on Thursday. Festival Hall (01-928 3191, 01-928 8800 cc), tomorrow and Thursday, 7.30pm.



FILMS

WILD MAN: Klaus Kinski puts his wild mop of hair and mad eyes to predictable use in *Cobra Verde* (15), Werner Herzog's latest exercise in high adventure, jungle fever and visionary dreams. Kinski, previously featured to striking effect in Herzog's *Fitzcarraldo* and *Aguirre, Wrath of God*, plays a disgruntled South American rancher who takes his revenge on the world through banditry. He ends up in Dahomey, West Africa, reviving the slave trade. Renoir (01-837 8402), Gate Notting Hill (01-221 0220), from Friday.



BOOKS

SCHOLAR POET: A.E. Housman had two lives: one as the greatest classics scholar of his generation, the other as what John Berryman called "an absolutely marvellous minor poet". *The Shropshire Lad* (1896) was followed only by *Last Poems* (1922). However, *Collected Poems and Selected Prose*, published this week (Allen Lane, £18.95), contains all his posthumously published verse. The editor, Christopher Ricks, contributes a characteristically percipient introduction.



GALLERIES

HIT AND MYTH: Menelaus features in an exhibition of myth-inspired drawings and paintings by Alison Lambert at the Creaser Gallery, Portobello Road, west London (01-960 4928). Lambert's is one of 11 shows in this year's Portobello Contemporary Art Fair. The emphasis of the art, craft and photographic galleries in this district is on the promotion of young artists. One of the better known of these, painter Mario Rossi, is being shown at Anderson O'Day Fine Art. The four-day festival opens on Thursday.



DANCE

NORTHERN LIGHT: Mireille Bourgeois left London Festival Ballet this season to join Northern Ballet Theatre and its new director Christopher Gable. On Tuesday she opens Northern's London season in a role made specially to show her style and quality, presenting two imaginary aspects of the relationship between the painters Berthe Morisot and Edouard Manet. On the same bill, Gable and Lynn Seymour star in *A Simple Man*, about the life of another painter, L.S. Lowry. Sadler's Wells (01-278 8916) from Tuesday.



THEATRE

TRENCH TORMENT: Nicky Henson plays Osborne, a doomed officer, in R.C. Sherriff's First World War play, *Journey's End*. Set in a dug-out in the trenches on the eve of the German offensive of March 1918, the play was first staged in 1928 and has never lost its capacity to move the heart with its picture of the waste and pity of war. Jason Connery, son of the more famous Sean, plays the commanding officer, Stanhope, in Justin Greene's production. Whitehall Theatre (01-930 7765), previewing now, opens Tuesday.

THEATRE

LONDON

A CAVALCADE OF COWARD: Elisabeth Welch, Tony Britton, company members from *Cats, Follies, 42nd Street, Les Misérables, Phantom of the Opera, South Pacific*, and others in a cast of 200 for a "favourite Noël Coward pieces" show raising funds for Aids research. Piccadilly (01-437 4506). Sun, 7pm.

THE GREEN BAY TREE: Rare revival of Mordaunt Sharp's 1933 play (Laurence Olivier went to New York with it) about a male-male-female triangle.
Attic, Wimbledon Theatre, The Broadway, SW19 (01-540 0362). Opens Mon.

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE: Antony Sher as Shylock in Bill Alexander's RSC Stratford production, with Deborah Findlay as Portia.
Barbican (01-638 8891). Previews from Thurs. In repertory. Opens Apr 26.

SORE THROATS: Second of three Howard Brenton "Plays for Utopia", about a woman's brutal encounter with her ex-husband. Nancy Diuguid directs Hetta Charnley, James Laurenson and Linda Marlowe.
Royal Court Theatre Upstairs (01-730 1745). Previews from Thurs. Opens Apr 25.

THE TEMPEST: Peter Hall directs Michael Bryant, Tony Haygarth, Steven Mackintosh, Jennifer Hall in the first of the three Shakespeare plays to be presented as part of the National Theatre's contribution to the South Bank's End Games festival.
Cottesloe (01-928 2252). Previews from Thurs. In repertory. Opens May 19.

TEMPTATION: Vaclav Havel's play, loosely based on the Faust legend, in Roger Michell's RSC Stratford production.
The Pit (01-638 8891). Previews from Wed. In repertory. Opens Apr 25.

OUT OF TOWN

BASILDON: As You Like It: Kate O'Mara and Graham Pountney with the British Actors Company open the new Towngate Theatre.
New Towngate Theatre (0268 532632). Opens Mon.

BIRMINGHAM: Privates on Parade: Paul Greenwood and Paul Henry in Peter Nichols's bitter comedy (with songs) about the British in Burma, 1948.
Repertory (021-236 4455). Opens tonight.

GUILDFORD: The Deep Blue Sea: Penelope Keith, David Yelland, Anthony Bate, John Normington, directed by Alan Strachan, in a Terence Rattigan drama. Yvonne Arnaud (0483 60191). Opens Tues.

MANCHESTER: Winnie: Robert Hardy, Virginia McKenna, in a new musical about Winston Churchill, written and produced by Robin Hardy. Moves directly to the West End.
Opera House (061 831 7766) Previews from tonight. Opens Apr 21.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: The Plain Dealer: William Wycherley's Restoration play, directed by Ron Daniels, has a cast led by David Calder, Mark Hadfield, and Marjorie Yates.
Swan Theatre (0789 295623). Previews from Wed. Opens Apr 27.

DANCE

ROYAL BALLET: *Swan Lake* returns to the repertoire tonight, Wednesday and Thursday.
Covent Garden (01-240 1066).

LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET: Natalia Makarova's *Swan Lake* until Thursday; then a programme

WORD-WATCHING

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MURICATE
(a) Formed with sharp points, like the *murex* shellfish, from which the Romans got not only their favourite purple dye, vulgar brutes, but also sore fingers.

CHEVELURE
(c) The luminous appearance surrounding the nuclei of comets, from the French for the hair of the head, or a head of hair.

POD PEOPLE
(b) Stupid, machinelike people, from the extraterrestrial people in the dire film *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*; they spawned in pods, and then took over the bodies of human beings.

DANDIPRAT
(b) A small, insignificant, or contemptible fellow, also an urchin; etymology unknown; applied to a small silver coin issued under that monetarist monarch Henry VII.

(Friday plus April 23) including Roland Petit's dramatic *Carmen* and Harald Lander's *Études*.
Alhambra, Bradford (0274 752000).

INTERNATIONAL SEASON: Two French companies, Mathilde Monnier (tonight) and Jean-François Duroure (Tuesday), are followed Wednesday to Friday by Dance Continuum, from Rome.
The Place (01-387 0031). Duroure at the French Institute (01-589 6211).

SCOTTISH BALLET: John Cranko's *Romeo and Juliet* at Aberdeen today, Edinburgh Wednesday to Saturday.
His Majesty's, Aberdeen (0224-641122); Playhouse, Edinburgh (031-557 2590).

RADIO



● The life of Charles Dickens (above), as reflected in his own writings and those of his family and friends, is told in *The Best of Times — The Worst of Times*. In this seven-part series compiled by Michael Bakewell, Martin Jarvis appears as Dickens with Paul Daneman as the narrator. Other leading parts are played by Patricia Hayes, Harold Innocent, Gwen Cherrell and Polly James. Radio 4, tomorrow, 7-7.40pm.

SAY IT WITH MUSIC: A celebration of the life and songs of Irving Berlin, born in Siberia 100 years ago next month. Presented in four parts by Benny Green.
Radio 2, Tues, 9-9.55pm.

THE GOOD AND FAITHFUL: Domestic service between the wars as recalled by servants and their employers.
Radio 4, Thurs, 8.15-9pm.

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Further performance on Mon at 8pm of Sir Peter Hall's new production of *Salomé*, with Maria Ewing in the title role. On Tues and Fri at 7.30pm, revival of *Lucia di Lammermoor* continues, with John Pritchard conducting a cast led by Edita Gruberova.
Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Nicholas Hytner's truly magical *Magic Flute* continues its run on Wed and Fri at 7pm; a welcome revival of *The Makropoulos Case*, with Josephine Barstow, receives further performances on Tues, Sat April 23 at 7.30pm; and a colourful *Cav and Pag* comes to the end of its run with performances tonight and Thurs at 7.30pm.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

PHOTOGRAPHY

THE HUNGARIAN CONNECTION: Show created by Colin Ford, of the National Museum of Photography, exploring the extraordinary flowering of talent in Hungary this century of committed photo-journalists.
The Photographers Gallery, 5 and 8 Great Newport St, London, WC1 (01-831 1772). From Friday.

CONCERTS

AFTERNOON

AMERICAN AFTERNOON: Carl Davis conducts the LPO in Copland's *Appalachian Spring*, Ives's *Central Park in the Dark*, Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* (Howard Shelley, piano).
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928-3191, cc 01-928-8800). Tomorrow, 3.15pm.

KREUTZER AFTERNOON: György Pauk (violin) plays Beethoven's Kreutzer Sonata, Gabriel Woolf reads passages from Tolstoy's *The Kreutzer Sonata*, the Arditi Quartet perform Janček's Quartet No 1 "Kreutzer Sonata."
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935-2141). Tomorrow, 4pm.

EVENING

INTERNATIONAL VIOLINS: In the first concert of the International Violin Series, Vladimir Spivakov solos in Mozart's Violin Concertos K 211, 219 and conducts the LSO in Haydn's Symphony No 94 "Surprise" and Schubert's Symphony No 5.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-628-8795, cc 01-638-8891). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

THE WINNER: Jane Atkins, winner of the LPO Pioneer Young Soloist of the Year Competition, solos in Walton's Viola Concerto with the LPO under Kurt Sanderling.
Festival Hall. Tuesday, 7.30pm.

NATWEST PLEASURE: The NatWest Bank "Classics for Pleasure" series continues with Carl Davis conducting the LPO in his own *Classics for Pleasure Fanfare*, the third movement of his *Line on London*, Ravel's *Bolero*, Gershwin's *An American in Paris*, Saint-Saens's *Havanaise*, the Bach-Stokowski Toccato and Fugue in D minor, Rossini's *Italiana in Algeri* Overture.
Festival Hall. Friday, 7.30pm.

GALLERIES

PAUL CÉZANNE (1839-1906): An important show of the French painter's earliest "dark" works up to 1872.
Royal Academy of Arts, London W1 (01-734 9052). From Friday.

TURNER AT FARNLEY: A unique collection of bird paintings plus interior scenes of Farnley Hall, owned by Turner's patrons the Fawkes family.
Leeds City Art Gallery (0532 462495). From Friday.

PAULE VÉZELAY (1892-1984): Early paintings up to 1939.
Michael Parkin Fine Art, London SW1 (01-235 8144). From Wednesday.

DENNIS CREFFIELD: Spiritual charcoal drawings of England's medieval cathedrals.
Library Arts Centre, Wrexham (0978 261932). From today.

STEEL SCULPTURE: Works by 11 artists.
Yorkshire Sculpture Park, near Wakefield (0924 830579). From today.

THE STAFFA PROJECT: Paintings by Ian McKeever and photographs by T.J. Cooper, both of whom were commissioned to live on the uninhabited Hebridean island and record their impressions.
Arnolfini, Bristol (0272 299191). From today.

WALKS

ALLEYS AND BYWAYS OF OLD LONDON: meet today St Paul's tube, 2pm, £2.25.

THE LONDON OF DICKENS AND SHAKESPEARE: meet today, 11am, £3 (also next Sat).

CITY OF YORK: meet tomorrow, Exhibition Square, 10.15am and 2.15pm, free (daily).

A LONDON VILLAGE — CHELSEA: meet tomorrow, Sloane Square tube, 11am, £2.25.

ROCK

FRANK ZAPPA: Erratic, prolific, eccentric, occasional genius. Tonight, Brighton Centre (0273 202881); Mon and Tues, Wembley Arena, Middlesex (01-902 1234); Wed, NEC, Birmingham (021-780 4133).

RUSH: Heavy Canadian techno-flashers.
Thurs, NEC, Birmingham (021-780 4133).

MIRIAM MAKEBA: South African singer with band featuring musicians from Paul Simon's Graceland tour.
Fri, Usher Hall, Edinburgh (031-228 1164).

FILMS

A FLAME IN MY HEART (18): Alain Tanner's lugubrious drama, shot in black-and-white; very much a showcase for its star and co-writer Myriam Mezires — cast as an actress whose life disintegrates through her obsession with physical love. With Aziz Kabouche.
Cannon Piccadilly (01-437 3561), from Fri.

FLOWERS IN THE ATTIC (15): Botched version of V C Andrews's suspense novel about four children confined by their mother (Victoria Tennant) to an attic. With Louise Fletcher (grannie), Kristy Swanson, Jeb Stuart Adams; directed by Jeffrey Bloom.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527), Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). from Fri.

FILMS ON TV



● Sarah Miles (above) as the Irish girl who marries a widowed schoolteacher (Robert Mitchum) in David Lean's 1970 film, *Ryan's Daughter*. The story may be slight but the film is full of pictorial splendour and contains an Oscar-winning performance by John Mills as the village idiot. *Ryan's Daughter* was so mauled by the critics that Lean did not make another picture until *A Passage To India* 14 years later. BBC1, Friday, 10.20-1.30pm.

MIRROR (1974): Russian director Andrei Tarkovsky reflecting memories of his wartime boyhood.
Channel 4, Thurs, 12.30-2.30am.

THE BIG HEAT (1953): Fritz Lang's masterly thriller with Glenn Ford quitting the police force to avenge his wife's murder.
Channel 4, Fri, 11.45pm-1.30am.

TELEVISION

TALKING HEADS: A series of dramatic monologues by Alan Bennett starts with Bennett himself playing a middle-aged man talking about his mother's romance with an old flame.
BBC1, Tues, 9.30-10.10pm.

THE NATURE OF AUSTRALIA: The first of six programmes features the courtship of the platypus, marsupial kangaroos and koalas.
BBC2, Tues, 9.30-10.25pm.

AN OCEAN APART: A seven-part series looking at the state of Anglo-American relations
BBC1, 9.30-10.30pm.

JAZZ

JAMES BLOOD ULMER: The influential American guitarist, who has toned his avant-garde "harmolodics" in favour of a more mainstream rock approach.
Henry Wood Hall, Glasgow (041-221 5496), Thur; Queen's Hall, Edinburgh (031-668 2019) Fri.

ART BLAKEY: Second week of his latest Jazz Messengers residency, with another line-up of Young Turks.
Ronnie Scott's Club, London W1 (01-439 0747) Mon to Sat.

SWANN IN JAZZ: Donald Swann is joined by, among others, cornet player Digby Fairweather.
University College School, London NW3 (01-435 2215) Thur.

ELLA FITZGERALD EXHIBITION: A month-long retrospective to celebrate the singer's 70th birthday.
The Music Library, Barbican Centre (01-638 4141) Mon to Sat

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

PERCUSSION 88: Europe's first Festival of Percussion visits Bristol. April 24-May 1.
Arnolfini, 16 Narrow Quay, Bristol (0272 299191).

VERDI'S FALSTAFF: Staged and sung by the City of Birmingham Touring Opera in new English translation by Amanda Holden and Jonathan Dove. Part of London International Opera Festival, and End Games. May 2-3
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London, SE1 (01-928 3191; 01 928 8800 cc).

JOCELYN ABBOTT AND RICHARD MAPP: 10th anniversary concert by piano duettists (The "Fourhand Philharmonic") features Eleanor Bron in Saint-Saens *Le Carnaval des Animaux*; plus works by Brahms, Schubert, Ravel and Debussy. April 26.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141).

LAST CHANCE

INDIAN SCULPTURE: Dhruva Mistry works in new Indian sculpture gallery to mark its opening as museum's first sculptor in residence. Mistry fuses traditional subjects with contemporary European concerns. Ends today. V&A, London SW7 (01-938 8500).

Theatre: Tony Patrick; **Dance:** John Percival; **Radio:** Peter Waymark; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Photography:** Michael Young; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks:** Greta Carslaw; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Television:** Peter Waymark; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

SATURDAY

BBC1 WALES: 5.15pm-5.20 Sports News Wales NORTHERN IRELAND: 4.55pm-5.05 Northern Ireland results 5.15 Inside Ulster Newsline 5.20-5.45 Video Picture Show ENGLAND: 5.15pm-5.20 London: Sport; Plymouth: Spotlight Sport and News; Other regions: Regional news and sport

ANGLIA As Scottish except:11.30am-12.00 America's Top Ten 3.35pm-4.30 Man in a Suitcase 5.05-5.15 News.

BORDER As Scottish except:11.30am-12.00 America's Top Ten 3.35pm-4.30 Fall Guy 1.00am Closedown.

CENTRAL As Scottish except:3.35pm-4.30 Fall Guy 11.05 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.00 Film: Silver Dream Racer 2.05am Man from UNCLE 3.00-5.00 Film: The Hunters".

CHANNEL As Scottish except:11.30am-12.00 Knight Rider 3.35pm-4.30 Fall Guy 4.00am Company, Closedown.

GRANADA As Scottish except:11.30am-12.00 New Fantastic Four 3.35pm-4.30 Fall Guy 11.05 Kojak 12.00 Film: Silver Dream Racer 2.05am Formula One 3.00-5.00 Film: The Hunters".

HTV WEST As Scottish except:11.30am-12.00 America's Top Ten 3.35pm-4.30 Fall Guy 11.05 Rugby: Gloucester v Sale 12.00 Film: Silver Dream Racer 2.00am Sledge Hammer! 2.30 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:11.05pm-12.00 Senior Schoolboy Rugby: England v Wales.

LONDON As Scottish except:11.30am-12.00 Terrahawks 3.25 LWT Action 3.35-4.30 The Man from UNCLE 5.15-5.45 Winner Takes All 11.05 Film: Silver Dream Racer 1.00 Night Network 4.00-5.00 US Motorcycle Grand Prix.

TSW As Scottish except:11.30am-12.00 South West Week 3.55pm-4.30 Fall Guy 5.05-5.15 Newsport 1.05am Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As Scottish except:11.30am-12.00 Knight Rider 3.35pm-4.30 Fall Guy 4.00am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As Scottish except:3.35pm-4.30 Fall Guy 1.05am Poets Corner 1.15-6.00 Jobfinder.

ULSTER As Scottish except:3.35pm-4.30 Fall Guy 1.00am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As Scottish except:3.35pm-4.30 Charlie's Angels 1.05am Film: Blood Beast Terror 2.30 Jobfinder 3.30 Closedown.

S4C Starts:9.30am Dispatches 10.15 What the Papers Say 10.30 Gardener's Guide 11.00 Opinions 11.30 Time to Remember 12.00 Islands 12.30pm Teesra Kinara 1.00 Film: Champagne Charlie" 3.05 Rasrag 5.05 Flowering of the Pacific 6.00 Right to Reply 6.30 Gallery 7.00 Industrious Bee 7.30 Newyddion 7.50 Stumiau 8.20 Elinor 9.05 Y Mass Chwarae 10.20 Kate and Allie 10.50 Media Show 11.50 After Dark 2.20am Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts:9.00am Pajo's Junkbox 10.30 Action Station Saturday 12.50pm News 12.52 Sports Stadium 6.00 Angelus 6.01 News 6.15 Mailbag 6.35 Puirtri 7.05 Highway to Heaven 8.00 McGyver 9.00 News 9.15 Dallas 10.10 "Live" in Dublin 10.55 News 11.00 Great Bookie Robbery 12.45am Closedown.

RTE 2 Starts:4.25pm Flash Gordon 4.45 Wonderstruck 5.15 Film: On Moonlight Bay 7.00 Buster Keaton — A Hard Act to Follow 8.00 Naucht 2.10 The West of the Imagination 9.10 The Story of Gosta Berling 10.15 Same Game, Different Rules 11.15 World of the Thirties 11.45 Closedown.

SUNDAY

BBC1 WALES: 12.15am-12.20 News and weather NORTHERN IRELAND: 1.20pm-1.43 Tomorrow's Farm 5.25-5.30 Taste of Ireland

BBC2 WALES: 2.00pm Rugby Special Wales 3.00-3.20 International Ladies Hockey NORTHERN IRELAND: 3.00pm-3.40 Irish League Football

ANGLIA As Scottish except:9.25am-9.35 Cartoon 1.00pm Link 1.15 Emergency 999 1.20 News 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary 11.30-12.00 Sledge Hammer!

BORDER As Scottish except:9.25am-9.35 Cartoon 1.00pm Farming Outlook 1.20 News 1.35 Cartoon 1.40-2.00 Link 2.30 Curling 3.30-4.30 Charlie's Angels 11.30 Scrumdown 12.25am Closedown.

CENTRAL As Scottish except:9.25am-9.35 Cartoon 1.00pm News 1.05 Central Post 1.15 Link 1.30-2.00 Here and Now 5.30-6.30 Highway to Heaven 11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Donahue 1.25 Film: Footsteps in the Dark" 3.10 Off the Wall 4.10-5.00 Jobfinder.

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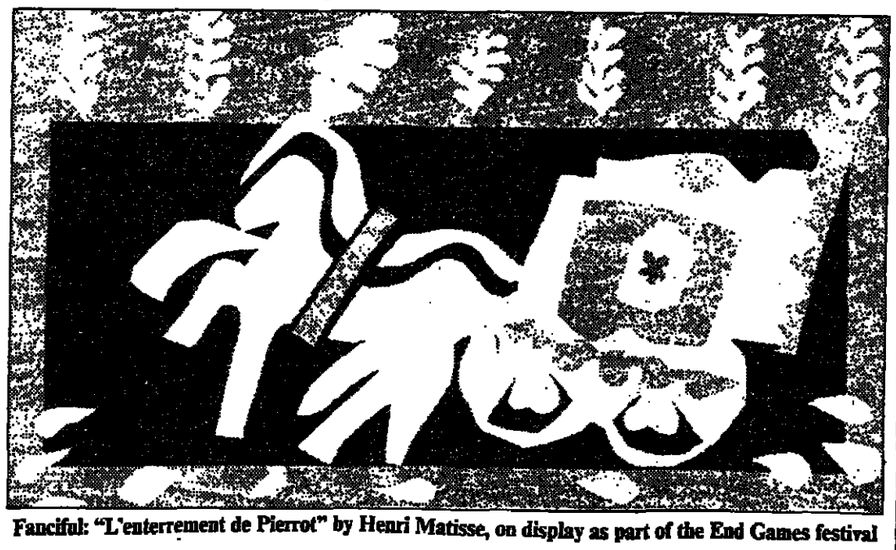
End Games, a 12-week "celebration of late work" begins on Friday on the South Bank, London. It embraces music, dance, cinema, theatre, art and literature as well as an associated "late Picasso" exhibition which opens in June at the Tate Gallery.

The theme of the event, according to Nicholas Snowman, the South Bank's general director (arts), is "the reflective nature of the artist's leave-taking from this world." Yet, although a few musical works of conscious farewell do exist, such as Brahms's *Vier ernste Gesänge* (which is not included), an artist mostly has no idea that his last work is going to be his last.

We are further told that End Games rates as a festival, which should mean the inclusion of unusual items. But a great deal of standard repertoire is present. Elgar's String Quartet, framed by Brahms's Clarinet Quintet and First Clarinet Sonata, will make a delightful concert on May 1, yet the pieces can all be heard regularly.

Occasionally the idea that supposedly informs these 40 concerts will come to life, as on June 5 when the Consort of Musicke perform Dowland's *A Pilgrimes Solace*, his last major vocal music collection, and Lassus's sombre yet constantly inventive *Lagrime di San Pietro*, which reflects on Saint Peter's remorse at having betrayed Jesus. But most of the programmes are conventional enough.

Nor is the jazz choice much different. Sadly, Gil Evans's appearance on May 5 has had to become a Gil Evans Memorial Concert, but the other names, including Ornette Coleman, Sonny Rollins and Stan Tracey, were predictable.



Fanciful: "L'enterrement de Pierrot" by Henri Matisse, on display as part of the End Games festival

More constructive is the National Theatre's juxtaposition of three late Shakespeare plays full of make-believe and magic, *The Tempest*, *The Winter's Tale* and *Cymbeline*. It will be splendid, also, to see Matisse's 20 large, brilliantly coloured and fanciful compositions, all done with scissors and paper, that he none too aptly titled "Jazz." These will be accompanied in the Queen Elizabeth Hall foyer by Giacometti's *Paris sans Fin* drawings, while outside on the riverside walk will be Barbara Hepworth's bronze *Family of Man* figures.

The "End Games" idea goes out of focus again, however, in the matter of films. The selection even manages to include *Citizen Kane*, on the dubious argument that Welles, at the age of 25, was filming his own death. Late works by Hitchcock, Hawks, John Ford and Billy Wilder may be more to the point, though few of the films can be counted among their best. But the films, like the concerts, look like a random assembly not linked by any real theme. It does not have the overall meaning and purpose claimed.

Max Harrison

End Games opens on Friday and runs until July 4. Its main events are at the South Bank concert halls (01-929 3191), the National Theatre (01-928 2252) and the National Film Theatre (01-928 3232).

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SATURDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO SUNDAY

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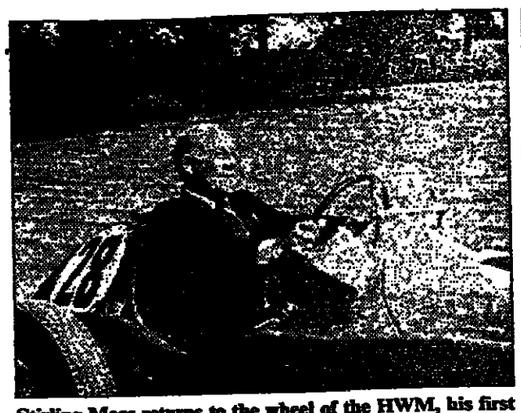
TELEVISION VARIATIONS

● The days when racing cars had yet to become turbo-charged sandwich boards, when drivers scorned helmets and seat belts and the Alfa 158 achieved just 1½ miles per gallon are recalled in a delightful three-parter, **The Grand Prix Car 1945-65** (Channel 4, 6.30pm). Shrewdly assembled by an old hand at transport nostalgia, Brian Johnson, the programmes draw liberally on archive footage, much of it in surprising colour and including offbeat items like Alec Issigonis trying out what became the suspension for the Mini on Elstree airfield in 1945. The film is fleshed out with the reminiscences of Stirling Moss and others while

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a driver of the current generation, John Watson, track-tests the classics of the Forties and Fifties. The first programme covers the post-war Italian domination and the BRM fiasco ("without doubt the worst car I sat in," says Moss, "a disgrace"). The second concentrates on the Mercedes renaissance and the third gives proper credit to our own John Cooper. There is enough detail for technical buffs and a bit of social history as well. My only complaint is that the programmes, like the cars, flash by far too quickly.

Peter Waymark



Stirling Moss returns to the wheel of the HWM, his first racing car (The Grand Prix Car 1945-1965: C4, 6.30pm)

BBC1

6.45 Open University.
8.25 Saturday Starts Here with **The Family-Ness** (r). **8.30 Roland's Rat Race 8.50 The Muppet Babies** (r).
9.15 Going Live! with the secretary of state for Education, Kenneth Baker, Charlene Fenn and All About Eve. **12.12 Weather.**
12.15 Grandstand The line-up is (subject to alteration): **12.20 Football Focus; 12.30, 3.10** and **4.00** Snooker: the Embassy World Professional Championship; **1.00 News; 1.25 Basketball:** the Carlsberg National Championship; **1.55, 2.25, 2.55** and **3.25** Racing from Newbury and Fairyhouse; **2.10 Moto-cross:** world trials championship; **2.40 Judo:** the British Open championships; **3.50** Half-times; **4.40 Rugby Union** round-up **4.50** Final score.
5.05 News and weather **5.15** Regional news/sport.
5.20 First Class. Inter-school competition. Caterham from Surrey meet Hulton High of Manchester.
5.45 Help! Episode two of the six-part serial about a trio of Liverpudlian youths. (Ceefax)
6.15 Film: Something Big (1971) starring Dean Martin, Brian Keith and Honor Blackman. Comedy western about a bandit gang who kidnap a cavalry colonel's wife. Directed by Andrew V. McLaglen. (Ceefax)
8.00 Bob Says Opportunity Knocks. Talent show
8.50 News, sport, weather.
9.05 Cagney and Lacey investigate the death of a photographer which looks like a suicide but which his girlfriend insists was murder. (Ceefax)
9.50 Film: Crime of Innocence (1985) starring Andy Griffith, Ralph Waite and Shawnee Smith. A made-for-television drama, based on fact, about the experiences of a young woman who is wrongly imprisoned by an over-zealous judge. Directed by Michael Miller.
11.25 The Football League Centenary. Highlights of the Mercantile Credit Centenary Festival
12.05am Chris de Burgh in concert at the King's Hall, Belfast (r).
12.55 Weather.

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below).
News on the half-hour until **12.30**pm, then at **2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00** midnight
6.00 Nicky Campbell **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Mike Read **1.00** Adrian Juste **2.00** Johnnie Walker (from Los Angeles) **5.30** In Concert (Philadelphia band, The Hooters) **7.30** Robbie Vincent (from New York) **10.00-12.00** Mark Goodier **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2 **4.00**am As Radio 2 **1.00**pm As Radio 1 **7.30-4.00**am As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (See Radio 1).
News on the hour until **1.00**pm, then at **3.00, 6.00, 7.00** and hourly from **10.00**
4.00 Dave Bussey **6.00** Graham Knight **8.05** David Jacobs **9.00** Sounds of the Sixties (Simon Dee) **10.00** Michael Aspel (new series) **12.00** Gerald Harper **1.00** The News Huddlines **1.30** Sport on 2 incl Mercantile Credit Football League Centenary Festival at Wembley and **5.00** Sports Report **6.00** Tunes the Backers Whistle . . . (Dick Vosburgh) **6.30** Ackers Away **7.00** Pop Score **7.30** The Magnificent Movies (Elmer Bernstein) **9.00** Instant Sunshine Comes of Age **9.30** String Sound **10.05** Martin Kelner **12.05** Night Owls (Dave Gelly) **1.00** Bill Rennells presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

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All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST.
6.00 Newsdesk **6.30** Meridian **7.00** World News **7.09** Twenty-four Hours **7.30** From the Weeklies **7.45** network UK **8.00** World News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** A Jolly Good Show **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News, Sports Roundup **9.45** Personal View **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Here's Humph! **10.15** Letter From America **10.30** Londres Midi **11.00** World News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Big Bands — The Singers **11.30** Meridian **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 3 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** Twenty-four Hours **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Sportsworld **2.00** News Summary **2.01** Sportsworld **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Sportsworld **4.00** World News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** English by Radio **4.45** Londres Soir **5.30** German Newsreel **6.00** Programmes in German **7.00** News Summary **7.01** Play of the Week: The Lion in Winter **8.00** World News **9.09** Twenty-four Hours **9.30** Meridian **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Squaring the Triangle **9.15** The Seven Ages of Man **9.30** People and Politics **10.00** World News **10.09** From Our Own Correspondent **10.25** Book Choice **10.30** New Ideas **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Tony Myatt Request Show **12.00** World News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Musical Masters of the Baroque **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Play of the Week: The Lion in Winter **2.09** World News **2.09** The Sunday Papers **2.15** Cannery Row **2.30** Album Time **3.00** World News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** From Our Own Correspondent **3.30** Six Four Eight News **3.35** Financial News **3.45** German Topical Programme **5.00** World News and Twenty-four Hours **5.30** Londres Matin.

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BBC2

6.50 Open University.
2.45 Network East includes an interview with Indian film star Jeetendra.
3.25 The West That Never Was. The story of the 'B' film westerns (r).
4.25 The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore and Iain Nicolson discuss the sun (r).
4.45 World Snooker. The Embassy World Professional Championship.
6.20 The Week in the Lords with Christopher Jones.
7.00 NewsView. Moira Stuart with the day's news; Vivien Creegor reviews the week's news in pictures with subtitles. Weather.
7.40 World Snooker. Steve Davis and Jimmy White begin the final session of their best-of-19-frames first round matches against John Virgo and John Campbell respectively.
8.10 Dance Master Class. In this second of the series Jane Dudley, the American teacher, dancer and choreographer, rehearses students of the London School of Contemporary Dance, where she has worked for 15 years, and reminisces about her own teachers — Hanya Holm, Doris Humphrey and Martha Graham.
8.50 Sophia and Constance. Episode one of a six-part drama serial based on Arnold Bennett's *The Old Wives' Tale* starring Patricia Routledge and Alfred Burke. Headstrong Sophia rebels against the wishes of her family; sister Constance quietly acquiesces and works in the family draper's shop (r). (Ceefax)
9.40 World Snooker. The closing frames of first round matches involving Steve Davis and Jimmy White.
11.10 The Film Club. Film director Ken McMullen introduces a surrealist mystery **L'Amour par terre** (1984) starring Geraldine Chaplin and Jane Birkin as Charlotte and Emily, two actresses who are invited by Clément, a playwright, to perform what seems to be an unfinished autobiographical play. As they wait for the final act to be written both girls experience frightening premonitions. Directed by Jacques Rivette. English subtitles. Ends at **1.25am.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am with news and weather at **9.22.**
9.25 Get Fresh at the Giant's Causeway **11.30 Terrahawks.**
12.00 Wrestling from Burnley.
1.00 News 1.05 LWT News and weather followed by **Saint & Greavsie.**
1.35 Captain James Cook. The first of a four-part serial starring Keith Michell about the adventures of the 18th-century explorer. **3.25 LWT Action.**
3.35 The Man From UNCLE starring Robert Vaughn and David McCallum. The two agents are on the trail of THRUSH's deadly vaporizing machine (r). **4.30 Cartoon**
4.45 Results Service.
5.00 News 5.05 LWT News and weather.
5.10 Walt Disney Presents. A Donald Duck cartoon.
5.15 Winner Takes All. Family quiz show
5.45 Saturday Gang with Gary Wilmot, Hale and Pace and Kate Robbins
6.15 The Funny Side takes the lid off hobbies.
7.00 Catchphrase. Guessing game. (Oracle)
7.30 The Two of Us. Domestic comedy series about a young couple happily living together but with differing views on life (r). (Oracle)
8.00 Film: Splash (1984) starring Tom Hanks and Daryl Hannah. Comedy about a young man who falls for a two-legged mermaid who, unbeknown to him, follows him from Cape Cod to New York. Directed by Ron Howard. (Oracle)
10.00 News 10.15 LWT Weather.
10.20 After Ten With Tarbuck. The first of a new series of entertainment shows. Among those on the bill this evening is Tom Jones.
11.08 Film: Silver Dream Racer (1980) starring David Essex as a garage mechanic who inherits his dead brother's prototype motorcycle. Directed by David Wickes. Followed by **News** headlines.
1.00 Night Network includes Emma Freud pillow-talking with Margaret Kent, the author of *How to Capture Your Man.*
4.00 US Motorcycle Grand Prix.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Old Country (r). **10.00 Moneyspinner** (r).
10.30 Film: The Fingers of Dr T (1953) starring Tommy Rettig as a nine-year-old boy who finds himself held captive by his mad music teacher. Directed by Roy Rowland.
12.10 Film: Three Missing Links (1938, b/w) starring the Three Stooges as janitors hoping to become film stars. Directed by Jules White **12.30 Empress Wu.** Episode 25 (of 65).
1.00 Film: The Tunnel (1935, b/w) starring Richard Dix. Science fiction adventure about an engineer's obsession with building a tunnel under the Atlantic. Directed by Maurice Elvey.
2.45 Film: Nothing But Pleasure (1939, b/w) starring Buster Keaton as a man confused by a motor car. Directed by Jules White.
3.05 Channel 4 Racing The **3.25, 4.10** (Scottish Grand National) and **4.45** races from Ayr and the **3.40** (Irish Grand National) from Fairyhouse.
5.05 Brookside (r). (Oracle)
6.00 Right to Reply. The BBC's *Black and White* series is criticized
6.30 The Grand Prix Car 1945-1965 (see Choice)
7.00 News summary and weather followed by **7 Days** presented by Robert Kee. Glenys Kinnock talks to Brenda Dean.
7.30 Yani's Monkeys. A documentary portrait of 12-year-old Wang Yani who lives in China and has been painting since she was aged two.
8.00 Cockney John Chinaman. A film that looks behind the 'yellow peril' image of the early Chinese in London.
8.30 Golden Hours and Sad Partings. The Normandy town of Villers-sur-Mer (r).
9.30 Film on Four Extra: Moonlighting (1982) starring Jeremy Irons. An award-winning drama about four Polish builders in London working on the house of a wealthy fellow countryman at the time when martial law was imposed in their country and Solidarity outlawed. Directed by Jerzy Skolimowski.
11.20 After Dark. Open-ended discussion on the state of British prisons today.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, News
7.00 Morning Concert: Tchaikovsky (Festival Coronation March: SNO under Neeme Jarvi); Chopin (Two Etudes, Op 10: No 5 in G flat; No 6 in E flat minor: Vladimir Ashkenazy, piano); Rimsky-Korsakov (Suite: The Snow Maiden: SNO under Jarvi)
7.30 News
7.35 Berlioz: Overture Les Francs-Juges, Op 3: LSO under Davis); Canteloube (Ballèro (Songs of the Auvergne): Elly Ameling, soprano, and Rudolf Jansen, piano); Fernando Sor (Introduction and Variations on Marlborough s'en va-t-en guerre, Op 28: Göran Söllscher, guitar); Fauré (Pavane, Op 50: St Louis SO under Slatkin); Satie (Je te veux: Angela Brownridge, piano); Saint-Saëns (Introduction and Rondo capriccioso, Op 28: RPO under Dutoit with Kyung Wha Chung, violin)
8.30 News
8.35 Mozart Piano Duets: Peter Noke and Helen Krizos play Andante and Variations in G (K 501) and Sonata in F (K 497)
9.15 The Week on 3: presented by Tony Scotland
9.30 Saturday Review: introduced by Jeremy Siepmann. Julian Budden reviews recent opera releases including Donizetti's *Emilia di Liverpool* and Rossini's *Ermione*; Conductor Jeffrey Tate talks about his approach to recording; and the Atlanta SO under Robert Shaw perform Verdi's Requiem
1.00 News
1.05 Taking Issue: with Robert Hewison (r)
1.30 The Age of Chivalry: David Fallows introduces music reflecting the uncertainty of the medieval world
2.30 Haydn Trio of Vienna: Shostakovich's Piano Trio No 1; and Mendelssohn's Piano Trio No 1 in D minor
3.10 From the Proms 87: City of Birmingham SO under Rattle perform Takemitsu (A Flock Descends into the Pentagonal Garden); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 25 in C, K 503); and Mahler (Symphony No 1 in D, Titan) (r) Includes **3.55** Interval reading
5.00 Jazz Record Requests: with Peter Clayton
5.45 Critics' Forum: under discussion are James L. Brooks's film *Broadcast News*, Stephen Bill's radio play *Worshipping the Ground*, Goethe's *Faust* at the Lyric Theatre and the exhibition of Old Master Paintings from Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection, sponsored by *The Times*, at the Royal Academy, London
6.35 Liszt and the Piano: Alfred Brendel plays Années de pèlerinage, Première année (Suisse) (r)
7.40 An Absence of Indifference: Sir Anthony Parsons reviews 30 years of involvement with the Arab world (r)
8.00 Salome: Live from the Grand Theatre, Swansea, the Welsh National Opera perform Strauss's one-act musical drama based on Oscar Wilde's play
9.35 Ysaye and Fauré: Takashi Shimizu, violin, and Gordon Back, piano, play Ysaye's Sonata in G, Op 27 No 5; and Fauré's Barcaule, Op 16, Violin Sonata No 1
10.15 Langham Chamber Orchestra: Gluck's Symphony in G (Overture, Ipermestra); Honegger's Pastorale d'été; and Mendelssohn's Sinfonia No 12 in G minor for strings
11.00 Bath International Festival 1987: the American duo, Bob Brookmeyer, valve trombone, and Jim Hall, guitar
12.00 News **12.05** Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News; Weather **6.10** Farming Week **6.50** Prayer for the Day **6.55** Weather
7.00 Today, incl **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25** Sport **7.30, 8.30** News Summary **7.40, 8.47** Today's Papers **7.45** In Perspective **7.55, 8.58** Weather **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 News **9.05** Sport on 4: with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakaway: travel and holiday news
10.00 News; Loose Ends: hosted by Ned Sherrin
11.00 News; The Week in Westminster: with Peter Riddell of the *Financial Times*
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 Money Box (r)
12.25 The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy: cult comedy series starring Peter Jones, Anthony Sharp, Roy Hudd, Simon Jones, Geoffrey McGivern and Mark Wing-Davey (s) (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions?: with Malcolm Rifkind MP, Michael Meacher MP, Rosalind Gilmore and Owen Dudley Edwards (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Second Edition: Kevin Mulhern with the best of Radio 4's magazine programmes
2.47 Treasure Islands: Julia Eccleshare meets Roald Dahl (r)
3.00 News; UK/LA Festival: Are You Now or Have You Ever Been . . .? A documentary drama by Eric Bentley about the investigation of the American cinema industry by the House Un-American Activities Committee in the Forties and Fifties (s)
4.30 Science on 4: Peter Evans reports on the latest discoveries and developments
5.00 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor talks to the founder of l'Arche communities Jean Vanier (r)
5.25 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news (r) **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News, incl Sports Round-Up
6.25 Citizens: Omnibus edition (s) (r)
7.10 Stop the Week: with Robert Robinson (s)
7.45 Saturday Night Theatre: Just Remember Two Things . . . It's Not Fair and Don't Be Late. Play written and narrated by Terence Frisby about wartime evacuation (s)
9.15 Music In Mind: Richard Baker presents a selection of words and music (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten: A Reading, a hymn and reflection led by Colin Semper (s) **9.58** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 The Saturday Feature: Conflict and Art. As the Football League celebrates its centenary this weekend, Bryon Butler considers its lasting appeal, influence and future with Ray Clemence, Lawrie McMenemy, Desmond Morris, Michael Parkinson and Ian Wallace
10.45 A Sideways Look At . . . by Anthony Smith
11.00 Cabaret Upstairs: Dave Cohen hosts a selection of stand-up comedy including the Popticians and Mana Callous (s) (r)
11.30 Unnatural Acts: Jeremy Hardy, Kit Hollerbach, Paul B Davies and Caroline Leddy star in a sit-com about four friends living in the same house (s)
12.00 News **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping
VHF as above except **1.55-2.00**pm Programme News **4.30-6.00** Options: **4.30** Not So Long Ago **5.00** Man Masters Nature (s) **5.30** Get By in Japanese.

BBC1

6.45 Open University.
8.50 Play School (r).
9.10 London's Marathon. At 9.30 the Princess of Wales starts the 25,000 participants off on the Mars London Marathon, a 26 miles 365 yard journey from Greenwich Park to Westminster via the *Cutty Sark*, Tower Bridge and the Docklands.
12.10 This is the Day. A simple service from a viewer's home in Haddington, East Lothian.
12.40 London's Marathon. With the serious competitors in the Mars London Marathon home and dry, a look at how those who approached the run from the point of view of a bit of fun are faring.
1.20 Farming. Barnwell, the Duke of Gloucester's 2,600 acre farm. **1.43** Weather.
1.45 This Week Next Week examines the poll tax. Vivian White talks to local government minister Michael Howard
2.45 EastEnders (r). (Ceefax) **3.45 Cartoon Time.**
3.55 Eurovision Song Contest. In the first of two programmes Gloria Hunniford introduces the entries from the other competing countries.
4.35 Sparky's Magic Piano. An animated version of the children's story.
5.25 Fax. Viewers' questions answered.
5.50 The Animals Roadshow includes Desmond Morris at the world's biggest budgie show. (Ceefax)
6.25 News with Richard Whitmore. Weather
6.40 Songs of Praise from Belfast. (Ceefax)
7.15 Film: Dial M for Murder (1954) starring Grace Kelly and Ray Milland. Thriller about a man who discovers his wealthy wife is having an affair. Fearful that she might want a divorce he plots her perfect murder. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock. (Ceefax)
9.00 News and weather.
9.15 London's Marathon. Highlights of the Mars London Marathon.
10.00 Life Without George. Comedy series starring Simon Cadell and Carol Royle. (Ceefax)
10.30 Everyman: Breaking the Chain. The story of Jeanette Roberts, mother to 42 children in London's East End.
11.10 Rockschool. Making music in a rock band (r).
11.35 Network East (r).
12.15am Weather.

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour until **12.03**pm, then at **3.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00** midnight **6.00** Nicky Campbell **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00** Sunday Oldies (Mike Read) **3.00** Radio 1 More Time with Adrian Juste (new series) **3.30** Backchat (Liz Kershaw and Ro Newton) **4.00** Chart Busters (Bruno Brookes) **5.00** Top 40 **7.00** Anne Nightingale Request Show **9.00** Andy Peebles Soul Train **11.00-12.00** Ranking Miss P with Culture Rock **VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2 4.00**am As Radio 2 **5.00**pm As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00**am As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (See Radio 1)
News on the hour (except **8.00**pm) **4.00** Dave Bussey **6.00** Graham Knight **7.30** Roger Royle **9.05** Melodies for You **11.00** Desmond Carrington **2.00** Benny Green **3.00** Alan Dell **4.00** Kenneth McKellar Sings a Song for Everyone **4.30** Sing Something Simple **5.00** Charlie Chelser **7.00** The Good Human Guide **7.30** John Lawrenson Collection **8.30** Sunday Half-Hour **9.00** Your Hundred Best Tunes **10.05** Songs from the Shows **11.00** Peter Clayton with Sounds of Jazz **1.00** Bill Rennells presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

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6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Jazz for the Asking 7.00 News 7.09 24 Hours 7.30 From Our Own Correspondent 7.45 Book Choice 7.50 Waveguide 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours 8.00 World News 9.09 Sunday Papers 9.15 Science in Action 9.45 Squaring the Triangle 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Short Story 10.15 Classical Record Review 10.30 Londres Midi 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 From Our Own Correspondent 11.30 Musical Masters of the Baroque 12.00 News Summary 12.01 Play of the Week: The Lion in Winter 1.00 News 1.09 24 Hours 1.30 Sports Roundup 1.45 The Tony Myatt Request Show 2.00 News Summary 2.30 Jazz Score 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Concert Hall 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 English by Radio 4.45 Londres Soir 5.30 German Newsreel 6.00 Programmes in German 7.00 News Summary 7.01 Classical Record Review 7.15 The Drum 8.00 World News 8.09 24 Hours 8.30 Sunday Half Hour 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Short Story 9.15 The Pleasure's Yours 10.00 World News 10.09 Cannery Row 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial Review 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Letter from America 11.30 Six Cities 12.00 World News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Religious Service 1.00 News Summary 1.01 The Drum 1.45 Virtuoso 2.00 World News 2.09 Commentary 2.15 Peebles' Choice 2.30 Science in Action 3.00 World News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 Good Books 3.30 Six Four Eight News 3.35 Financial News 3.45 German Topical Programme 4.45 Letter from America 5.00 News and 24 Hours 5.30 Londres Matin

BBC2

6.50 Open University.
1.10 Horizon: Easter Island — the Secrets. The first of a two-part investigation into the Pacific island's mysterious giant statues (r). (Ceefax)
2.00 Rugby Special. Highlights of Orrell v Waterloo and Neath v Cardiff.
3.00 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **3.00** and **5.40** Football: the final stages of the Mercantile Credit Football League Centenary Festival competition from Wembley; **3.10, 5.20** and **6.10** Snooker: first round action in the Embassy World Professional Championship from Sheffield; **5.00 Athletics:** an interview with the winner and highlights of the Mars London Marathon.
6.30 The London Programme. In 1992 Europe's trade barriers should be down. Will this be a blessing or a disaster for the British businessman?
7.15 Leopard — A Darkness in the Grass. A documentary, first shown in *The Natural World* series, following the private and perilous life of a leopard in Kenya's game reserve, the Masai Mara.
8.05 Discoveries Underwater. With Dr Donny Hamilton of Texas A and M University exploring the undersea city of Port Royal, Jamaica. (Ceefax)
8.55 Did You See. . ? *Crossfire, Black and White* and *Friday Night Live* are discussed by Maeve Binchy, Paul Medford and Ned Sherrin. Presented by Ludovic Kennedy.
9.35 Showtime at the Apollo. The fourth programme in the series celebrating Harlem's famous theatre of the 1950s. Among those appearing tonight are the Larks, Sarah Vaughn, Nat 'King' Cole and Little Buck.
10.00 Screen Two: Lucky Sunil (1988). (Ceefax) (see Choice)
11.15 World Snooker. First round action in the Embassy World Professional Championship from Sheffield. Ends at **12.35am.**

Radio 3

6.55 Weather
7.00 Sundry Studies: Chopin (Etudes Op 25 Nos 9-12: Maurizio Pollini, piano); and Debussy (Etudes Nos 10-12: Georges Pludermacher)
7.30 News
7.35 Leon Goossens: The oboist's recordings of Cimarosa, arr Benjamin (Concerto for oboe and strings: RLPO under Sargent); Bax (Quintet: International String Quartet); Rossini (Overture The Silken Ladder: LPO under Beecham); Eugene Goossens (Oboe Concerto: Philharmonia under Susskind) (r)
8.30 News
8.35 Your Concert Choice: Includes Purcell (Come Down My Blusterers: Monteverdi Orchestra under Gardiner); Vaughan Williams (String Quartet No 1 in G minor: Music Group of London); Bloch (Sonata No 2: Jascha Heifetz, violin, and Brooks Smith, piano); Gade (Symphony No 5 in D minor: Stockholm Sinfonietta under Jarvi with Roland Pontinen, piano)
10.30 Music Weekly: Jan Smaczny assesses *The Bohemian Piano Tradition*, and John Evans traces the influence of wartime America on Britten's music
11.15 Norrington Conducts Mozart and Haydn: BBC Welsh SO withMozart's Ballet music Idomeneo (K 367) and Haydn's Symphony No 12 in E
12.00 Words: presented by Raymond Tallis
12.05 John Bingham: Pianist plays Szymanowski's Métopes and Chopin's Sonata No 3 in B minor Op 58
1.05 Writers Talking: Allan Massie talks to the poet Douglas Dunn (r)
1.30 Mozart: Simon Standage, violin, and Trevor Pinnock, fortepiano, play Sonata in D (K 306) (r)
1.55 Chicago Symphony Orchestra (conducted by Lorin Maazel): Berlioz's Overture to Benvenuto Cellini; Stravinsky's Symphony in Three Movements; and Strauss's Symphonia domestica, Op 53. **2.30** Interval reading
3.30 Liszt and the Piano: Tamas Vasary plays pieces including Années de pèlerinage (r)
4.30 Celebrity Recital: Takacs String Quartet with Mikhail Pletnev, piano, perform Beethoven's Quartet in Cminor, Op 18 No 4; Bartok's Quartet No 6; and Brahms's Piano Quintet in F minor, Op 34. **5.20** Interval reading
6.15 Reports from a Divided Kingdom: Clifford Longley of *The Times* talks to Bishop Trevor Huddleston, Professor Geoffrey Parrinder, Dr Pauline Webb and Fr John Mills about how the Church can cope with its Nicean legacy of certainty and discipline
7.00 BBC Symphony Orchestra: Wagner's Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg; Preludes (Act 1, and Act 3); Prelude and Liebestod (Tristan und Isolde); Brahms's Symphony No 4 in E minor. **7.35** Interval reading
8.35 The Vigil: Ioan Meredith reads Harri Pritchard-Jones's translation
8.50 Ysaye and Fauré: Takashi Shimizu, violin, and Gordon Back, piano, play Ysaye's Sonata No 4; and Fauré's Sonata No 2 in E minor, Op 108
9.30 A Flower in the Jungle: Roger Nichols celebrates the 100th anniversary of the birth of the British soprano Maggie Teyte
10.30 A Sequence for Eastertide: Clare College Chapel, Cambridge
11.30 Maggie Teyte (new series): Recordings by the soprano including Fauré's Après un rêve and Debussy's Fêtes galantes
12.00 News **12.05** Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News; Weather **6.10** Prelude (s) **6.30** News; Morning Has Broken incl Bells on Sunday **6.55** Weather
7.00 News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** On Your Farm: Allan Wright talks to Captain Ben Coutts **7.40** Sunday: Clive Jacobs and Ted Harrison with religious news and views incl **7.55** Weather
8.00 News **8.10** Sunday Papers (r) **8.50** The Week's Good Cause: Dulcie Gray speaks on behalf of the National Association of Widows **8.55** Weather
9.00 News **9.10** Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Morning Service: from the YMCA National Assembly at the University of Warwick
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus
11.15 News Stand: Martin Wainwright with a review of the week's newspapers
11.30 Pick of the Week: with Margaret Howard (s)
12.15 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's guest is Mary Archer (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend **1.55** Shipping
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: visits Ardleigh and District Horticultural Society (r)
2.30 Australia: Last of 13 drama-documentaries tracing the history of the continent (s)
3.30 The Radio Programme: the winner in the humour competition is announced
4.00 News; The Lord's My Shepherd: musical interpretations of the 23rd Psalm (r)
4.47 School Reports: Written and read by Alex Ferguson (r)
5.00 News; Down Your Way: Lawrie McMenemy in Southampton **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News: with Brian Perkins
6.15 The Tapestry Restorer's Tale: Laura Drysdale talks to Malcolm Billings about her craft (s) (r)
6.30 International Assignment (r)
7.00 News; The Best of Times — the Worst of Times (new series): The life of Charles Dickens as reflected in his own writings and the words of his family and friends (1) A Very Queer Small Boy (s)
7.40 Musical Landscapes (new series): David Willmott introduces music inspired by areas of Britain (1) The West Country (s)
8.00 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde talks to Shirley Du Boulay (r)
8.30 Talk of the Town. Talk of the Country: Stanley Ellis listens to the ways in which people talk (3) By Tre Pol Pen — A Cornish Chronicle (s)
9.00 News: Fine Arts Brass: play a selection of music (s)
9.15 The Natural History Programme (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Soundtrack: the story of lonely hearts advertiser Colette Sinclair (r) (s)
11.00 In Committee: A weekly report on Parliament's select committee
11.30 Seeds of Faith: Colin Semper talks to Rev Peter Ball, Suffragan Bishop of Lewes and member of the Community of the Glorious Ascension (s)
12.00 News **12.05** Closedown

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am
8.30 David Frost on Sunday
9.25 Wake Up London 9.35 The Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin 10.00 Get Fresh Sunday celebrates the *Beano* comic's 50th anniversary **10.30 Follyfoot** (r).
11.00 Morning Worship from St Paul's, Rusthall, Kent.
12.00 Weekend World. Norman Fowler on what he thinks the unions' role should be in the enterprise culture
1.00 LWT News and weather **1.05 Police 5 1.20 Link** investigates specialized public transport for the disabled **1.35 The Smurfs** (r).
2.00 My God. Theologian Sarah Coakley and her idea of 'God'.
2.30 Film: Blood Alley (1954) starring John Wayne. A sea captain agrees to take a group of oppressed Chinese villagers through the Formosa Straits to freedom in Hong Kong. Directed by William A. Wellman.
4.30 Mr Majeika. (Oracle)
5.00 The Survival Factor. Creatures that walk on water. (Oracle)
5.30 Jimmy's. St James's University Hospital, Leeds (r).
6.00 All Clued Up. The first of a new game show
6.30 News 6.35 LWT News and weather.
6.40 Appeal by Jon Snow on behalf of the New Horizon Youth Centre.
6.45 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe visits Corby.
7.15 Family Fortunes. Game show
7.45 Gentlemen and Players. Episode two of the seven-part City drama serial. (Oracle)
8.45 Hooperman. The first of a new San Francisco police series. (Oracle)
9.15 News 9.25 LWT Weather.
9.30 Spitting Image — the Ronnie and Nancy Show.
10.00 Hot Metal. (Oracle)
10.30 The South Bank Show. Doris Lessing talks about her work to Brian Aldiss and Claire Tomalin.
11.30 The Making of Modern London (r).
12.00 With the Poet in Gorbachov's Russia. Part two
12.45am Fun in the Sun.
1.00 Night Network with Alice Cooper and Dexy's Midnight Runners
3.00 The Lawless Years (r).
3.30 Ben Casey (b/w) (r).
4.30 The Magic Wok. Chinese cuisine.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 Teesra Kinara. Episode two (of 26). **9.50 Settlers' Tales.** The second of three portraits of first generation Asian immigrants.
10.00 The World This Week. Walter Mondale discusses the present state of the US Democratic party.
11.00 Tree House presented by Floella Benjamin **11.30 The Waltons 12.30 East of the Moon.** *The Big Noses*, an animated fairy story.
1.00 Superchamps. (r). **1.30 Lost in Space** (b/w). Vintage science fiction series.
2.25 Film: Where Do We Go from Here? (1945) starring Fred MacMurray. Musical comedy fantasy about non-combatant soldier, longing for action. Directed by Gregory Ratoff. **3.55 Swimming Pool.** An animated film from Italy.
4.00 The Story of Fashion. Part one of a three-programme series examining the factors that have influenced the way people have dressed since the turn of the century.
5.10 News and weather.
5.15 The Business Programme examines how American companies are attempting to stop takeovers by British companies by going to law.
6.00 Curling: The Men's World Championship from Lausanne.
7.15 A Tale of Two Dales. A documentary comparing a farm in the Lake District with one in the Norwegian valley of Mundal.
8.15 Opera on Four: La Traviata. Verdi's three-act opera produced by Peter Hall for the 1987 Glyndebourne Festival. Starring Marie McLaughlin, Walter MacNeil, Jane Turner and Gordon Sandison with the Glyndebourne Chorus and the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Bernard Haitink.
10.45 Curling: Men's World Championship. More action from Lausanne.
11.45 Tennis. The Mortgage Corporation National League final between Croydon and Bournemouth.
12.45am Film: Soleil ô (1971, b/w). The story of a man's experience as an immigrant in Paris. Directed by Med Hondo. English subtitles. Ends at **2.45.**

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Captives beg Kuwait to end hijack

From Philip Jacobson, Algiers

Two of the Kuwaiti hostages on board the hijacked jumbo jet yesterday pleaded to their Government to give in to the demands of their captors.

Any optimism generated by the release of a Kuwaiti man late on Thursday night was quickly dissipated when the gunmen — now believed to number eight — made it clear that their demands for the release of the 17 prisoners in Kuwait are unchanged.

In mid-afternoon, in what appeared to be another demonstration of their refusal to contemplate any compromise, two of the remaining 31 hostages were brought to the plane's radio to transmit what was probably a prepared statement. "In the name of Allah the merciful," began the message from a Mr Suleiman Muhammad al-Mashari, "please tell my loved ones that I am well." A similar message was then delivered by a Mr Muhammad al-Ajma. Both men begged the Kuwaiti authorities to release the 17 prisoners "otherwise they will kill all of us".

In Kuwait, the official news agency Kuna claimed that the hijackers are awaiting instructions from outside, and particularly Iran, to decide what to do next.

The authority and confidence with which the hijackers have retained the initiative of the early hours of the hijack — together with their "professionalism" in the grim business of intimidation and protecting the plane against surprise attack — underline the problem now facing the Algerian intermediaries.

Another indication of the hijackers' attention to detail is their refusal to speak more than a few words in Arabic, insisting on French or English for communications. This would appear to be a means of preserving their anonymity. They could well have been involved in other previous hijackings.

Even when some of the more lurid and unconfirmed accounts are discounted, it is clear that life for the hostages has become truly appalling. According to local sources, the Kuwaiti man released here had been beaten and thoroughly terrorized during his captivity. Appearing on Algerian television not long after being freed, he displayed his badly swollen and lacerated wrists, the result of being tightly handcuffed day after day. His account of the plight of Prince Fadhel al-Sabah, a member of the Kuwaiti royal family, was particularly chilling.

Singled out for special treatment, the prince is reported to have suffered a nervous breakdown which made him incapable of transmitting a radio message, even under dire threat, and has left him a weeping, trembling figure who mumbles endless passages from the Koran.

Brady trial blocked

Moves to force Myra Hindley and Ian Brady, the "moors murderers", to stand trial for the murder of Pauline Reade were last night blocked by the Director of Public Prosecutions (Ian Smith writes).

Mr Allan Green, QC, stepped in to prevent a second trial immediately after permission to bring a private prosecution was granted to Mr Paul Reade, the girl's brother.

Mr Green decided three months ago that it would not be in the public's interest to put Hindley and Brady on trial again after their confessions to the murder of Miss Reade, aged 15, and Keith Bennett, aged 12.

Farewell to Barrow's slippery slope



Moment of history: HMS Talent easing down the slipway at Barrow yesterday to end a century-old naval tradition. (Photograph: Graham Wood)

Rum request from Navy as Princess names submarine

By Peter Davenport

More than a century of naval tradition came to an end yesterday as HMS Talent, a nuclear-powered hunter-killer submarine, eased down the slipway.

The £240 million Trafalgar-class vessel was the last to be launched by a method that dates back to 1873. In future all submarines and warships built by Vickers Shipbuilders & Engineering Limited (VSEL) at Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, including the Trident boats presently under construction, will be put to sea by a less dramatic lift system which will lower them gently into the water.

The launch was carried out by the Princess Royal who named the vessel by breaking, at the Navy's request, a bottle of rum, rather than champagne, over her bows.

Although the traditional slipway launch has always been a romantic event appreciated by the crowd it creates difficulties. Enormous stresses are put on its structure during the 60 seconds it takes to leave the slipway and splash into the sea.

The first submarine at Barrow was launched in 1886 with the first one for the Royal Navy 15 years later.

The future method involves a ship lift which lowers vessels into a dock. VSEL's lift is the world's largest with a capacity of 24,000 tonnes.

This month marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the completion at the yard of HMS Dreadnought, Britain's first nuclear-powered submarine.

HMS Talent is the eighteenth nuclear-powered, hunter-killer submarine and will have a crew of 85 men and 12 officers.



The Princess Royal meets sea cadets after the launch ceremony.

Links with 'Jackal' revealed

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Two anonymous callers, claiming to represent "Justice and Action for the Lebanese People" and the "Islamic Jihad", have said they were behind the Naples bombing, but the Italian police are sceptical about the authenticity of the messages.

Dr Argenio said Mr Okndaira had stayed in a hotel near Naples railway station and had rented the white Ford Fiesta, with Milan registration plates, in which the bomb had been placed.

The Naples bomb was planted about half an hour before the blast. Dr Argenio, who is leading the investigation, said that the explosive was of military origin and probably plastic.

Police controls on people leaving the city were not imposed until early yesterday morning, so the Japanese and an accomplice — probably of Middle Eastern origin — had an ample chance to slip out of the port.

The US — through its embassy in Rome — deplored the bombing as an "abhorrent act of criminal violence", confined its troops to barracks and cancelled all shore leave.

The car bomb was so powerful that it was assumed at first to have consisted of two charges. The blast ripped away the entrance to the club, where Italians and Americans were celebrating the arrival in port of the vessel USS Paul.

Some 3,000 American sailors are in Naples at the moment. There was some 60 to 70 people inside and outside the club, and at least 20 were injured. The five killed were so badly mutilated that police took 24 hours to establish that the body of an Italian woman was not that of a US marine.

One US servicewoman was among the five dead, and the injured included at least seven Americans.

The Japanese connection with Middle East terrorism has been developing over the past five years. The successors to the Red Army have been active in three main groups: the Middle Core, the Battle Flag Communist League and the Hazama Group of the Revolutionary Workers' Council.

So far, there is no concrete evidence of Libyan involvement. But the coincidence of the date, and the target and techniques, are characteristic of the Libyan approach. A few days after the US attack on Tripoli in 1986, a group of Libyans tried to throw a suitcase of explosives at a wedding party held at the US officers' club in Ankara, the Turkish capital.

Government set to pay nurses £750m

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ment problems to earn supplements which could increase their pay by 15 to 20 per cent, nurses on basic grades may only get small increases, barely covering the cost of living.

Nursing organizations such as the Royal College of Nursing will welcome the large average increase but the college, and health service unions in particular, will be concerned about pay levels for staff with few qualifications.

Both the unions and the college have been opposed to geographical variations. They claim that will pave the way to the end of national pay-bargaining by introducing a free market where districts and even hospitals can set their own rates.

Unions will also be worried that pay rises for other groups of health workers, such as ancillary staff and administrative and clerical staff whose salaries are negotiated through the Whitley Council, will be depressed.

The Government has provided 4.5 per cent for pay settlements throughout the NHS and health authorities have always been expected to absorb higher awards.

The new clinical grading structure, which has now been costed, was submitted in the Government's evidence to the review body. The Government proposed a scale based on 10 grades with four points each. At present a staff nurse with extra training in paediatrics and intensive care is paid the same as a newly qualified nurse.

The Nurses' and Midwives' Pay Review Body, chaired by Sir James Cleminson, chairman of the British Overseas Board, has now submitted five reports to the Prime Minister. The first, in April 1984, recommended a 7.8 per cent increase, which was implemented in full on April 1 that year.

In 1985, the Government accepted a 12.1 per cent recommendation but staged it over 10 months and in 1986 an 8.2 per cent award was deferred until July 1 that year.

French aim to spoil UK space bid

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British firms, together with a modification of the project by both ESA and NASA, the American space agency.

Both he and Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, are expected to take credit for forcing ESA to modify the Columbus project so that it is less expensive and promises greater commercial spin-offs.

Neither were keen on including a "man in space" element. But the project has been scaled down from £500 million to £315 million and will no longer be serviced by astronauts.

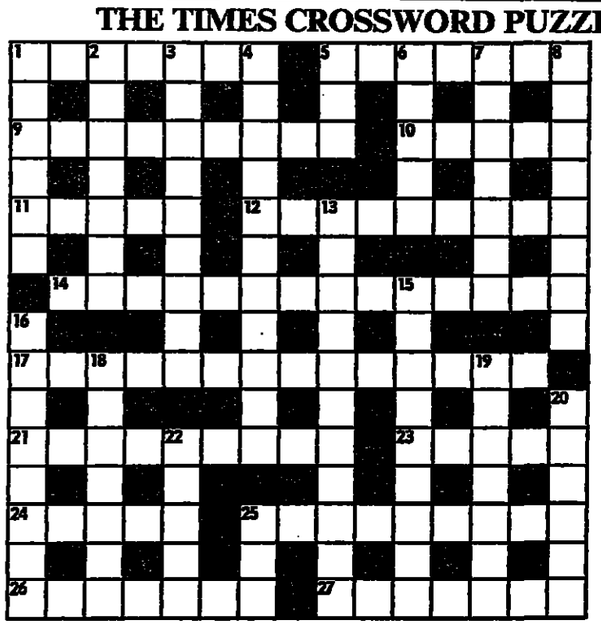
The two Cabinet Ministers have made clear their suspicion of many of the projects pressed on them by space enthusiasts since last June which has brought them into direct conflict with MPs and peers of all parties.

The decision on Columbus will be the first announcement by the two Ministers of participation in any sizeable project since they took office nine months ago.

Mr Clarke's decision on Columbus will be disclosed to the meeting of ESA in Noordwijk in the Netherlands on Monday and Tuesday when detailed plans for Columbus will br drawn up. The agency is anxious to have British expertise

Earth observation satellites promise valuable contracts — and jobs — both for firms like BAe in the construction and also for many small and medium-sized high-technology firms which can market the information beamed down from the platform.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,645



ACROSS
1 Meiosis in T S Eliot play (7).
5 Eg Rosemary and Theo involved in Rossetti's group (7).
9 Cause of lumps in a jersey? (6-3).
10 Splendid organ-effect (5).
11 Die to make an impression (5).
12 Art of constructing moving rock Masses, say (9).
14 Composition of rocks for some pretty rich model (14).
17 The nerve of Thomas Percy — such bottle! (9,5).
21 His policy is to go in for huge excesses (9).
23 Love area of bracing air (5).
24 Reverse reel features curved figures (5).
25 Wild dream that produced a progressive party-leader (3,6).
26 Game in which one can lose one's marbles, being knocked out (4-3).
27 The place for vehicles when theatreland has black-out (7).

DOWN
1 Most reasonable to behold direction of bright land (6).
2 Land given to church for row of houses (7).
3 But it is not related to the Dutch elm (5-4).
4 Shooting-brake? (6-5).
5 Make regular journeys in the Strand (3).
6 Some of his *Amina*'s so pastoral (5).
7 English law expert and poet (7).
8 Sike's pet sweetmeat (5-3).
13 Girl perhaps exciting crowd with pair of hips for a start (5-6).
15 Lady Smitton, we hear, in Italy (9).
16 Last of "Pussycat" represents Edward L as nonsense-writer (8).
18 This towelling is friction-reduced (3,4).
19 Amerind Watch Co gone bust (7).
20 Enthusiastic rating (6).
22 Riding-school accident (5).
25 More, say, for one of the greedy guts (3).

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Solution to Puzzle No 17,644

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

MURICATE
a. Prickly
b. To exude pus
c. The rulers of Pontus

CHEVELURE
a. Ceremonial harness
b. Brykcreem
c. The head of a comet

POD PEOPLE
a. Punctilious over payments
b. Stupid yobs
c. A Cambodian tribe

DANDIPRAT
a. A Mediterranbean prawn
b. A titch
c. To flounce and posture

Answers on page 20, column 1

A prize of The Times Concise Atlas of the World *will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.*

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: A Sunderland, Toll Bar Cottage, Cross Stone Rd, Todmorden, Lancs; C Kenney, Blair Cottage, West Port, Falkland, Fife; P Robinson, 83 Marlborough St, Dublin; D W Higginson, 2 Gloucester Place, Windsor; John Savage, Blanchards, Horsham Rd, Cranleigh, Surrey.

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WEATHER

England and Wales will start cloudy with some rain but sunny intervals will develop in the north and west. Heavy rain is likely in the Midlands, East Anglia and the South-east followed by drier weather with sunny intervals. Scotland will be cloudy with rain but brighter weather will spread to the north-east by dusk. Northern Ireland will start cloudy with rain but sunny intervals will soon develop. Outlook: unsettled.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	18	64	s	Malta	19	66	f
Alex'dria	25	77	c	Melb'rne	17	63	c
Algiers	22	72	s	Mexico C*	22	72	s
Amst'dm	15	59	f	Miami*	25	77	s
Athens	11	52	s	Milan	14	57	s
Barcelna	18	64	f	Montreal*	13	55	f
Belgrade	6	43	c	Moscow	3	37	f
Berlin	11	52	c	Munich	13	55	s
Bermuda*	22	72	r	Naples	15	59	s
Borde'x	17	63	r	N Delhi	38	100	s
Brussels	16	61	c	N York*	9	48	s
B Aires*	23	73	f	Oslo	8	46	s
Cairo	28	82	s	Paris	17	63	c
Cape Tn	21	70	f	Peking	26	79	s
C'blanca	18	64	c	Perth	21	70	f
Chicago*	8	48	c	Prague	11	52	s
Ch'church	18	64	s	Rhodes	17	63	f
C'phgn	9	48	s	Rio de J	25	77	f
Dublin	13	55	c	Rome	16	61	s
Dubrovnik	10	50	s	S F'isco*	12	54	r
Florence	17	63	s	Santiago*	15	59	c
Frankfurt	13	55	s	Seoul	18	64	s
Geneva	17	63	f	Sing'por	32	90	sn
Gibraltar	20	68	s	St'kholm	7	45	f
Helsinki	1	34	sn	Strasb'rg	15	59	s
Hong K	21	70	c	Sydney	26	79	s
Innsbrck	16	59	s	Tangier	25	77	s
Istanbul	5	41	r	Tel aviv	22	72	s
Jo'burg*	19	66	c	Tokyo	18	64	f
Karachi	32	90	s	Toronto*	11	52	c
L Palmas	21	70	s	Vanc'ver*	11	52	c
Lisbon	19	66	s	Venice	13	55	s
Locarno	14	57	f	Vienna	9	48	s
L Angels*	16	61	c	Wash'ton*	13	55	s
Luxembg	12	54	c	Wellton	16	61	s
Madrid	20	68	s	Zurich	14	57	s

* denotes Thursday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	9.8	-	11	52	sunny
Hunstanton	6.5	-	12	54	sunny
Cromer	5.2	-	12	54	sunny
Clacton	5.0	-	9	48	sunny
Southend	*	-	10	50	cloudy
Folkestone	8.9	-	11	52	sunny
Hastings	7.8	-	9	48	sunny
Brighton	5.1	-	10	50	cloudy
Worthing	4.0	-	10	50	cloudy
Bognor R	4.0	-	9	48	cloudy
Southsea	2.8	-	9	48	cloudy
Sandown	2.5	-	9	48	cloudy
Poole	1.8	-	9	48	cloudy
Swanage	0.5	-	9	48	cloudy
Weymouth	1.6	-	9	48	cloudy
Exmouth	1.7	.05	9	48	rain
Torquay	1.2	.10	9	48	rain
Penzance	-	.62	9	48	rain
Scilly Isles	-	.52	11	52	fog
Newquay	0.5	.08	10	50	rain
Ilfracombe	-	.02	12	54	dull
Minehead	1.6	.01	10	50	shower
Morecambe	12.2	*	14	57	sunny
Douglas	*	-	9	48	bright
Carlisle	11.0	-	13	55	sunny
Nottingham	7.1	-	11	52	sunny
Anglesey	8.7	-	13	55	sunny
Colwyn Bay	7.6	-	*	*	sunny
Tenby	0.1	-	9	48	cloudy
Aberdeen	4.8	-	11	52	sunny
Aviemore	7.8	-	12	54	sunny
Eskdalemuir	11.3	-	11	52	sunny
Kinloss	8.5	-	14	57	sunny
Lerwick	2.4	.05	9	48	rain
Prestwick	6.5	-	12	54	bright
Stornoway	1.8	.06	9	48	rain
Tiree	3.1	.06	10	50	rain
Wick	7.1	-	12	54	sunny

* Denotes figures not available
These are Thursday's figures.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.20	7.1	2.51	7.4	London Bridge	3.02	7.3	3.32	7.4
Aberdeen	1.53	4.2	1.57	4.5	Aberdeen	2.33	4.2	2.40	4.5
Avonsmouth	7.57	13.7	8.20	13.7	Avonsmouth	8.38	13.9	8.58	13.8
Belfast	11.38	3.6	—	—	Belfast	12.01	3.3	12.20	3.5
Cardiff	7.42	12.6	8.05	12.6	Cardiff	8.23	12.8	8.43	12.7
Devonport	6.40	5.7	7.05	5.7	Devonport	7.23	5.8	7.44	5.7
Dover	11.44	6.6	—	—	Dover	12.07	6.8	12.25	6.6
Falmouth	6.10	5.5	6.35	5.5	Falmouth	6.53	5.6	7.14	5.5
Glasgow	1.18	4.5	1.38	4.9	Glasgow	1.59	4.5	2.22	5.1
Harwich	12.11	3.8	12.44	4.0	Harwich	12.54	4.0	1.25	4.0
Holyhead	10.50	5.9	11.17	5.5	Holyhead	11.33	5.9	11.57	5.6
Hull	7.01	7.5	7.00	7.9	Hull	7.38	7.6	7.42	8.0
Ilfracombe	6.39	9.5	7.00	9.4	Ilfracombe	7.21	9.6	7.39	9.4
Leith	3.05	5.6	3.18	5.8	Leith	3.45	5.7	3.58	5.9
Liverpool	11.55	9.8	—	—	Liverpool	12.19	9.8	12.37	9.9
Lowestoft	10.18	2.3	10.12	2.6	Lowestoft	10.57	2.3	10.57	2.6
Margate	12.12	4.7	1.01	4.8	Margate	12.56	4.9	1.41	4.8
Milford Haven	6.53	7.4	7.14	7.2	Milford Haven	7.35	7.4	7.53	7.3
Newquay	5.44	7.4	6.04	7.2	Newquay	6.25	7.4	6.43	7.3
Oban	6.30	4.2	6.47	4.0	Oban	7.06	4.2	7.18	4.0
Penzance	5.36	5.8	6.00	5.8	Penzance	6.20	5.9	6.42	5.8
Portland	7.43	2.2	8.16	2.2	Portland	8.26	2.3	8.49	2.3
Portsmouth	—	—	12.03	4.7	Portsmouth	12.33	4.9	12.48	4.8
Shoreham	11.51	6.4	—	—	Shoreham	12.16	6.5	12.33	6.4
Southampton	11.27	4.6	11.52	4.7	Southampton	—	—	12.09	4.6
Swansea	7.04	9.9	7.24	9.9	Swansea	7.45	10.0	8.02	9.9
Tees	4.21	5.4	4.29	5.7	Tees	5.00	5.5	5.12	5.7
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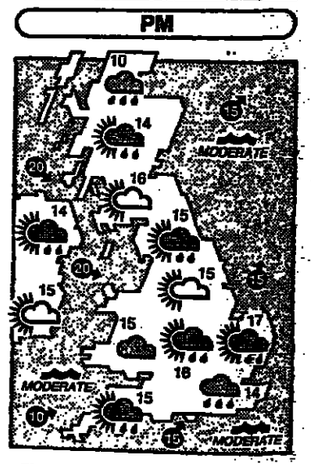
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TODAY	Sun rises:	Sun sets:	TOMORROW	Sun rises:	Sun sets:
	6.03 am	7.59 pm		6.00 am	8.01 pm
	Moon rises:	Moon sets:		Moon rises:	Moon sets:
	5.45 am	8.29 pm		6.01 am	9.57 pm
	New Moon 1.00 pm			First Quarter April 23	

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 8.29 pm to 5.30 am
Bristol 8.39 pm to 5.40 am
Edinburgh 8.52 pm to 5.32 am
Manchester 8.42 pm to 5.34 am
Penzance 8.48 pm to 5.55 am

TOMORROW
London 8.31 pm to 5.28 am
Bristol 8.41 pm to 5.38 am
Edinburgh 8.54 pm to 5.30 am
Manchester 8.44 pm to 5.32 am
Penzance 8.50 pm to 5.53 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6 pm, 92 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.01in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1009.5 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

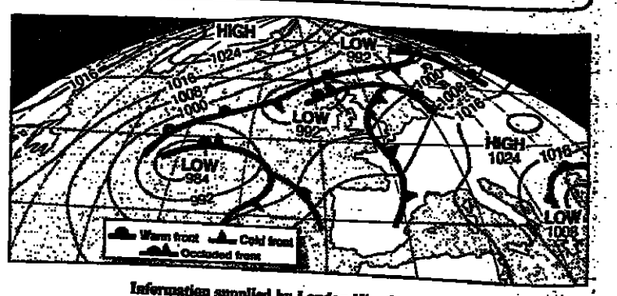
Thursday: Highest day temp: Lossiemouth, Grampian, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Nelst Point, Skye, 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Penzance, Cornwall, 0.82in; highest sunshine: Morecambe, Lancashire, 12.2hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	13	55	c	Guernsey	19	66	s
B'ringham	12	54	c	Inverness	14	57	c
Blackpool	14	57	c	Jersey	12	54	s
Bristol	13	55	c	London	13	55	c
Cardiff	12	54	r	M'chester	13	55	c
Edinburgh	14	57	f	Newcastle	15	59	c
Glasgow	12	54	d	N'rideway	9	48	c

NOON TODAY



Information supplied by London Weather Centre

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells		Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.61	2.47			
Austria Sch	22.80	21.70	Italy Lire	2400	2200
Belgium Fr	68.40	65.00	Japan Yen	243.50	231.50
Canada $	2.415	2.295	Netherlands Gld	3.63	3.46
Denmark Kr	12.48	11.85	Norway Kr	12.11	11.51
Finland Mkk	7.83	7.43	Portugal Esc	264	251
France Fr	11.01	10.46	South Africa Rd	4.55	4.05
Germany Dm	3.248	3.088	Spain Pta	215.50	204.50
Greece Dr	261	241	Sweden Kr	11.47	10.92
Hong Kong $	15.15	14.40	Switzerland Fr	2.687	2.557
Ireland Pt	1.219	1.158	USA $	1.963	1.873
			Yugoslavia Dnr	3090	2490

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC.
Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.
Retail Price Index: 103.7 (February) London: The *FT* index closed down 0.5 at 1415.7.

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1415.7 (–0.5)

FT-SE 100
1778.6 (–8.6)

Bargains
26144 (26723)

USM (Datastream)
146.88 (–0.6)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.8880 (+0.0120)

W German mark
3.1331 (+0.0124)

Trade-weighted
78.3 (+0.4)

Central banks intervene to restore order

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Central banks intervened again yesterday to restore calm to nervous currency markets in an exercise described as "satisfactory" by the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, who was in Washington for meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

"The markets seem to have settled down compared with yesterday. It is satisfactory," the Chancellor said before returning to London.

He said the restoration of order to the markets was a good example of the success of the co-ordinated approach to currency stabilization adopted by the Group of Seven countries.

Treasury officials confirmed that Britain took part in the intervention.

But Wall Street officials said the markets remained extremely nervous after the Dow plunged more than 100 points on Thursday. These fears were exacerbated yesterday by the release of new US price data, showing producer prices up by a larger-than-expected 0.6 per cent in March against a 0.2 per cent decline in February.

Markets were worried that the US Federal Reserve Board would be forced to raise interest rates significantly to support the dollar and dampen inflation fears after news of a big rise in the trade deficit in February.

Finance ministers and central bankers in Washington confirmed these fears in statements indicating that Mr Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Fed, and Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, were in agreement that the dollar must be stabilized, through an interest rate rise if necessary, to retain market confidence.

Separately, a leading European finance minister said the central banks would be closely monitoring foreign exchange markets over the next month to prevent a precipitous drop in the dollar through additional co-ordinated intervention.

The minister cautioned, however, that the G7 nations would not be surprised, for example, by a three or four pfennig rise in the mark against the dollar from time to time. A swing of that degree had been allowed for in the G7 strategy.

Ministers cautioned that the huge imbalances marking the global economy would not be cured overnight and would require substantial adjustment over a long period. For this reason, they urged markets to look at the underlying progress made in reducing the US deficit and the huge Japanese surplus, and in the steps taken by Britain and other countries to spur more economic growth. One leading European minister said, however, that West Germany was the one country that must do more to promote additional economic growth.

If the dollar remains under attack and share prices continue to fall, the focus will shift to the US central bank which will be under strong pressure to raise interest rates, despite hopes of leading Administration officials that the economy can be maintained at present levels throughout the presidential election campaign.

Shares steady

Share prices in London opened sharply lower but recovered most of the ground lost in quiet trading.

The FT-SE 100 index, down 24.1 points at the start, closed only 8.6 points lower at 1,778.6.

Wall Street had a busier day as the Dow Jones industrial average hovered around the psychologically important 2,000 level.

Sterling continued to surge, jumping another 1.3 cents in London to close at $1.8890. The trade-weighted index rose 0.4 to 78.3. But aggressive central bank intervention held the dollar steady against other currencies.

Dixons to seek quote in Tokyo

Dixons Group, the electrical retailer, has announced plans for a listing on the Tokyo Stock Exchange at the end of next month, with 9.3 million shares being offered to Japanese investors to raise about £14 million net.

The issue represents about 2.5 per cent of the group's equity and is being handled by Daiwa Securities and SG Warburg's Tokyo office.

Mr Richard Kalms, Dixons' director of corporate affairs, who is making a presentation to Japanese financial institutions in Tokyo next week, said the listing reflected the group's long-standing relationships with Japanese companies, principally suppliers. It follows a similar exercise in New York last November.

Meanwhile, the group has also announced a new structure to bring together more closely its two main retailing arms, Dixons and Currys.

The reorganization, expected to be in place by May next year, will create a new company, Dixons Stores Group, although Dixons and Currys will continue to trade under their own names.

GKN disposal

GKN has completed the sale for £14.2 million of GKN Kent Alloys to Parkfield Group. GKN Kent Alloys last reported a pretax profit of £1.2 million on a turnover of £24 million.

Drop in production points to steadier pace of growth

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Britain's economic growth is showing signs of slowing to a steadier pace, with industrial production falling sharply in February.

The latest indicators will help to reassure foreign holders of sterling that the danger of the economy overheating is passing. But there is little sign of a slowdown in earnings where the underlying rate of increase in February was an unchanged 8½ per cent. As a result, manufacturers' unit costs jumped sharply on the month and productivity fell back.

The Employment Secretary, Mr Norman Fowler, said: "It is in everybody's interest — particularly the unemployed — that wage negotiators take note of the fact that inflation continues to be low."

The slowdown in output was concentrated in manufacturing where production fell by more than 3 per cent in February, from an upward revised index level of 113.9 to 110.3 (1980 = 100). Output was affected by the Ford dispute, while adjustments for seasonal factors and the leap year may also have led to distortions. Nevertheless the Central Statistical Office has reduced its estimate of the underlying annual rate of growth from 6½ per cent to 5½ per cent.

Output also continued low in the energy industries where the mild winter reduced demand and the coal dispute cut supply. Taking the two sectors together, industrial production fell about 2½ per cent on the month to 112.1 and by 0.2 per cent in the latest three months on the previous three months. The CSO has reduced its estimate of the underlying growth in production from 4 per cent a year to 3½ per cent.

The fall in output has reduced the growth in productivity so that output per head in manufacturing during the latest three months is estimated to have been 5.9 per cent higher than the same period a year earlier, compared with 7 per cent in the three months to January.

The underlying rate of increase in earnings fell by ¼ per cent both in manufacturing and in the production industries overall to 8¼ per cent.

Inflation rate rises to 3.5%

By Our Economics Editor

Inflation began to climb again last month, rising from 3.3 per cent in the first two months of the year to 3.5 per cent. This was slightly more than expected.

Price increases were spread over a range of goods and services, including some foods, cars, household goods, clothing and footwear. But they do not include the effect of the tax changes in the Budget. These will mostly be felt in the April figure, adding 0.4 per cent, against only 0.1 per cent last year when the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, kept excise duties unchanged.

Mr Keith Skeoch of James Capel said: "We expect inflation to stay at around this level until the summer, when increases in utility prices will push the rate up to around 4 per cent where it is likely to stay for the rest of the year."

The Treasury forecast at the time of the Budget predicted an inflation rate of 4 per cent in the final quarter of the year, staying at that level until the second quarter of 1989.

In February, Britain's inflation rate was slightly below the average for the Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development countries, but above that for the EEC of 2.9 per cent.

Allowing for cuts in income tax, the increase in pay packets necessary to maintain living standards — 1.6 per cent — is significantly lower than the rise in retail prices

The retail price index for March was 104.1 (January 13, 1987 = 100), up 0.4 per cent on the previous month, and the Tax and Price Index was 102.3.

Your leader's secret Q factor

By Joe Joseph

Not many people would throw Margaret Thatcher, Mikhail Gorbachov and Sir Ralph Halpern into the same boat; or at least not be thanked for doing it. But Dr Robert Lefton, the latest American guru to arrive in Britain to preach the rewards of better management, says all three carry the mark of good leaders.

The affable Dr Lefton, a fan of "people skills," has spent 30 years tweaking the bosses of America's bluest chip companies. Now, he is spending a busy week in London, cajoling potential disciples, including the Institute of Directors.

He is offering no miracles: change is not immediate and a good management team merely boosts the batting average. It does not guarantee that all decisions reached will be the right ones.

The gist of the pitch is that good managers are made, not born, and poor ones pay the price.

"Bad management virtually destroyed EF Hutton," says Dr Lefton of the US stockbroker's recent fall into the arms of rival Shearson Lehman.

His system divides the world's business and political leaders into four breeds, or "quadrants".

Q1s are authoritarian, cocky, pushy and dominating; Q2s hostile but submissive, indecisive and withdrawn; Q3s avoid argument, are friendly and easy-going, but are also bumblers; and Q4s have reached corporate nirvana — strong, self-assured, dynamic, warm people who listen, get others involved and command loyalty and respect. Like those multiple choice quizzes in the glossier women's magazines, it is pretty clear which Q scores highest marks.

Dr Lefton, who is based at St Louis, Missouri, reckons that Richard Branson (of Virgin), Anita Roddick (of the Body Shop), Sir Terence Conran (of Storehouse) and Sir John Harvey-Jones (formerly of ICI) all have it. Burton's Sir Ralph Halpern "has a good slug of it."

"I thought your Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was very Q1 in her early years, quite autocratic. But now she's mellowed and become much more of a team leader and seems to involve people a lot more.

"Ronald Reagan was a good team leader in his first term, but he's been dismal in his second, very Q2," says the author of *Improving Productivity Through People Skills*, showing how even the best can regress. "In his last year, John F Kennedy was very Q4, though in his first 12 months he was very Q1," Dr Lefton adds, brightly promising redemption for those who heed the call.

Ivan Boesky, the fallen Wall Street arbitrageur, "was a classic Q1 without integrity," says the doctor. "He was a very poor listener, very manipulative. Even his family didn't like him." Libya's Colonel Gadaffi "is a double Q1."

Dr Lefton's seminars, which last from three to four and a half days, aim to teach managers how to become more effective.

He said: "There are about 22 different skills that managers can learn that can dramatically increase their effectiveness in dealing with others. For instance, disagreement can be the fountainhead of creativity. But we find many managers will squelch argument, avoid it or pass over it. We teach them to explore conflict, to use it more productively."

He would appear to have his work cut out just convincing managers that they need corporate surgery. About 65 per cent of managers tend towards Q1, 10 per cent to Q2, 15 per cent to Q3 and 10 per cent to Q4.

"But if you asked most managers, 80 per cent would say they were Q4. It shows a lack of insight about how we come across to other people," he said.

But Dr Lefton is not preaching merely to boardrooms. "All the skills I talk about help you just as much with your wife and kids as with your boss or subordinates. It's really a respect for the dignity of people. You're treating people in a humane way. It makes people feel good and when they feel good they are more willing to be led by you."

And how well-shod is the shoemaker?

"Oh, I strive for Q4," says Dr Lefton, bashfully, "but there's a solid Q3 inside me. Even I can't change overnight."

US rhythm break brings record company blues



On air: Chris Wright yesterday in the studios of MTV, part of Chrysalis' Air TV subsidiary (Photograph: James Morgan)

Chrysalis falls to only £2m

By Cliff Feltham

Pretax profits of Chrysalis, the entertainments group, fell from £5 million to £2 million during the first half of the year. Mr Chris Wright, the chairman, gave a warning yesterday that profits for the full year would be "marginally ahead" of the £6.2 million made last time. The shares, after initially falling 7p, recovered to close unchanged at 125p.

Chrysalis — whose best selling artistes include rock stars Billy Idol, Pat Benatar and Huey Lewis — said the setback was mainly due to its US record company being starved of new releases as none of its leading artists were ready to launch new albums.

This hiccup resulted in losses of £500,000 in the US, leaving the record division's earnings well down.

Chrysalis also suffered elsewhere — its property development side had run out of properties to sell, and its jukebox operation was hit by brewers raising rents.

But Mr Wright said the second half should benefit from new releases byDebbie Harry, the Housemartins, and Midge Ure.

Shareholders collect the same interim dividend as last time, 2p a share.

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Three accountants face insider dealing charge

By Lawrence Lever

Three accountants who worked at Touche Ross, one of the big eight accountancy firms, are facing a charge of insider dealing in the shares of Press Tools, the Birmingham toolmaker.

They are alleged to have purchased 5,000 shares in Press Tools at 148p each on August 5, 1987, hours before it was announced that Mr Greg Hutchings, the boss of FH Tomkins, was acquiring a controlling stake in the group.

They are alleged to have sold the 5,000 shares for 425p each after the announcement.

However, Phillips & Drew Securities, the market-maker through whom the shares were purchased, queried the transaction.

This led to a Stock Exchange investigation, and summonses have now been issued against the three men to appear on April 29 before the Guildhall magistrates in the City.

The summonses are against Mr Ian Michael Morl, Mr Arthur Francis Hill and Mr David Ivor Holyoak, who have all resigned from Touche Ross.

Touche Ross had acted as investigating accountants for Mr Hutchings' private company, Freemont Group, in the purchase of the stake in Press Tools. However, the three men apparently were not working on the particular transaction.

According to a lawyer representing one of the three men, they maintain that they were unaware that Mr Hutchings' interest was not yet in the public domain when they learned of his involvement and purchased the shares.

Lawyers acting for the accused are obtaining a transcript of the judgement in Thursday's acquittal of Mr Brian Fisher, the share dealer, who was charged with of insider dealing in the shares of Thomson T-Line.

Mr Fisher was acquitted because the judge ruled he had not "obtained" unpublished price-sensitive information, in the sense that he had not actively sought or procured it.

Buyout planned at Crowther

By Martin Waller

Mr Trevor Barker, the chairman of the John Crowther Group, is advancing plans for a management buyout of the parts of his group — the textiles and clothing operations — not wanted by Coloroll, the home furnishings concern, in its agreed £207 million offer.

Mr Barker is talking to possible backers. No firm figures can be given until Coloroll takes control of the textiles and carpets manufacturer, but he concedes that suggestions he will need £75 million are "in the right ballpark."

A surprise element of a possible buyout will be the breaking of the long-running partnership between Mr Barker and Mr Michael Abrahams, the deputy chairman

The pair built up Crowther together after coming in at the start of the decade, but Mr Abrahams, more concerned with the carpets side, will probably be concentrating on his other business interests — including directorships of John Waddington

No price for a buyout can be discussed with Coloroll until the offer goes unconditional, on May 6 at the earliest.

GEC rebuffed on Racal link

Plessey and Racal, the electronics companies, have decided against inviting GEC into their Orbitel cellular telephones joint venture.

The possibility of GEC taking a shareholding had been under discussion particularly since GEC and Plessey joined forces by launching GEC Plessey Telecommunications (GPT).

Plessey and Racal decided that the inclusion of GEC would not enhance Orbitel's capabilities in developing a pan-European mobile telephone cellular system.

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SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2004.14 (–1.50)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	26893.57 (–217.78)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2598.95 (–85.18)
Amsterdam: Gen	247.3 (–8.0)
Sydney: AO	1436.8 (–30.9)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1386.3 (–27.0)
Brussels:	
General	4660.5 (–78.5)
Paris: CAC	296.8 (–8.2)
Zurich: SKA Gen	455.5 (–1.1)
London:	
FT–A All-Share	915.11 (–4.03)
FT–"500"	1007.97 (–4.52)
FT. Gold Mines	217.5 (+0.9)
FT. Fixed Interest	97.92 (–0.07)
FT. Govt Secs	91.26 (+0.17)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Anglia Sec	427½p (+10p)
Coats Viyella	250p (+11p)
Twog Dust	285p (+10p)
Clyde Petroleum	144½p (+17p)
Goal Petroleum	102p (+11p)
Ultramar	275p (+10p)
Courtaulds	357p (+25½p)

FALLS:

Illingworth	152p (–12p)
Fitch Design	375p (–10p)
J Smurfit	382½p (–11p)
Ranger	307½p (–12p)
Tomkinsons	480p (–12p)
Drayton Japan	960p (–15p)
Gresham House	405p (–20p)
RTZ	350p (–10p)
Merivale Moore	380p (–10p)
Aspray	275p (–10p)
FAI	179p (–10p)
Blackleys	380p (–10p)
Vibroplant	682½p (–10p)
Closing prices	

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 8%
3-month interbank 8 3/16–8 5/16%
3-month eligible bills: 7 25/32–7 23/32%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 6 13/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.85-5.83%*
30-year bonds 99 9/16-99¾*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8880	£: $1.8890*
£: DM3.1331	$: DM1.6605*
£: SwFr2.5884	$: SwFr1.3720*
£: FFr10.6351	$: FFr5.6325*
£: Yen233.73	$: Yen123.85*
£: Index:78.3	$: Index:92.1
ECU £0.621690	SDR £0.743800

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $453.85 pm $456.30
close $456.00-456.50 (£241.50-242.00)
New York:
Comex $456.10-456.60*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (May) pm $16.90bbl ($16.84)
* Denotes latest trading price

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Losses cut to £184,000 at Oilfield Inspection

Oilfield Inspection Services Group of Aberdeen, the North Sea service company that last month lost its independence to a consortium led by Mr Paul Bristol, the oil industry financier, and Sheikh Amin Al-Dahlawi of Jeddah, reduced its losses before tax last year from £982,000 to £184,000. Turnover dipped to £11.5 million from £11.88 million.

Like many other offshore service and supply companies, OIS has been burdened by waning oil prices and the slump in North Sea oil activity over the past two years, and has been struggling to lessen its dependence on the oil and gas sector. The costs of restructuring, including the disposal of its engineering and water-jetting businesses, are still weighing on OIS.

T&N sells for £12.5m

T&N, the engineering group, has sold its Storeys decorative and speciality printing products operations to Borden, the US group which owns Crown wallpapers and wallcoverings, for £12.5 million. Storeys, based in Morecambe, Lancashire, comprises three companies with combined sales last year of £17 million.

St Ives buys printing firm

St Ives Group, the printing company, is paying a maximum £1 million for Bryer & Spencer, a London specialist printer. An initial consideration of £700,000 will be followed by a further payment of up to £300,000 depending of future profits. The acquisition is being funded by the issue of 353,000 new St Ives shares.

Turriff's triple buy

Turriff Corporation, the construction and marketing services group, has made three acquisitions to strengthen its international plant and equipment maintenance and information and marketing services divisions. It is buying Chelgrave Contracting, the Melbourne company, for £360,000 to extend its Australian staff placement activities into the state of Victoria.

In Britain, the group is paying £330,000 for Focus, a direct mail and mail order processing company in Liverpool, with two further payments based on future turnover. In the US, Bellman Data International, a Turriff subsidiary, is buying a 40 per cent stake in MicroMedia for up to £1.1 million, depending on this year's profits.

Jarvis & Sons acquisitions

J Jarvis & Sons, the builder, is buying the head leasehold interest in Churchgate Shopping Centre, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, for £1.95 million, the third party interest in 99 Charterhouse Street, London, for £350,000 and Newsweek House, Slough, for £2.05 million. The buys will be funded by a placing and open offer to shareholders.

Hatfield buys loss-maker

Hatfield Estates, the property developer, is paying £128,000 in shares for loss-making Kingham Construction, based in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. Kingham, which is mainly active in the Thames Valley and West London, made pretax losses of £90,000 on turnover of £2.8 million in the year to last June.

Powerscreen deal

Powerscreen International, the former British Benzol group, has bought Belleek, the Northern Ireland maker of handcrafted porcelain, for £2.86 million. The deal is being funded by the issue to the vendors of 2.51 million new shares in Powerscreen, which are being sold to Banque Paribas Capital Markets.

Most of Belleek's output is either exported or goes to the tourist trade. Powerscreen said it intended to operate the business independently. Belleek, which employs 154 people, made pretax profits of £428,000 in the year to March 31 on sales of £2.86 million. Its net assets at the year-end totalled £3.08 million.

STOCK MARKET

Courtaulds value soars by £100m on mystery buying

More than £100 million was added to the market value of **Courtaulds**, Britain's biggest textiles group, in late trading yesterday as the shares leapt 26p to 358p on whispers that someone has bought a large stake in the company.

At one stage, the price came within a whisker of its peak of 370p as more than 6 million shares were traded.

Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker, is thought to have bought the shares on behalf of a mystery buyer who may now speak for about 3 per cent of the equity. Scrimgeour is known to have been a big buyer of Courtaulds in recent weeks.

Courtaulds was badly hit by the market crash but has made a dramatic recovery, helped by unlikely suggestions that the acquisitive Hanson had passed its slide rule over the group.

The company has staged a remarkable turnround in recent years which has seen it shrug off its old threadbare image. It now enjoys a strong following in the City including the likes of Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, which also rates the shares a buy. BZW is looking for pretax profits of £220 million for the year just ended compared with £201 million last time.

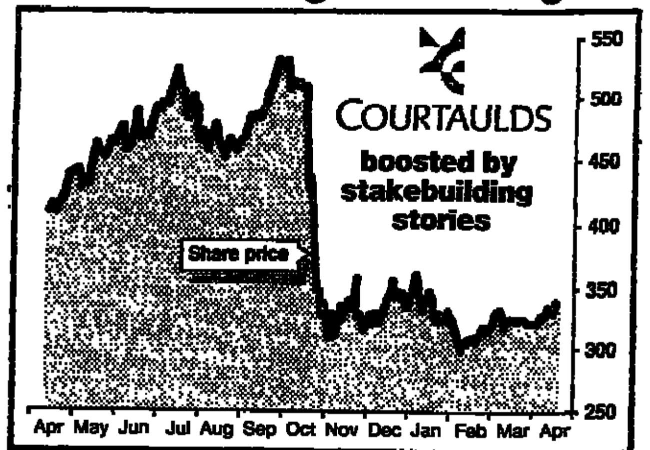
Fears that London would open sharply lower after Wall Street's 101-point overnight fall proved unfounded as dealers kept their nerve in sensitive trading conditions.

Market-makers priced leading stocks defensively lower at the opening in order to deter panic selling which proved successful as fund managers preferred to sit tight and wait to see if there would be any further deterioration in sentiment across the Atlantic.

Prices soon started to recover from the dull opening helped by continuing talk that further takeovers were in the melting pot. This kept speculators busy and the market's mind on events elsewhere.

Nerves became a little frayed when Wall Street opened in resumed trading with a further fall of more than 20 points, but again very little selling materialized and dealers were proved correct as prices in the US improved.

The FT-SE 100 share index recovered from an early fall of



24.1 to close only 8.6 down at 1,778.6, while the narrower FT 30 share index finished 0.5 down at 1,415.7. As dealers made their way home last night, most of them were expressing satisfaction with the days' events.

Government securities helped by the stronger pound finish the day sporting gains of £¼.

The food sector continued to be a hive of takeover activity.

The rumoured bid from either Hershey of the US or Nestlé of Switzerland for

Clyde Petroleum has become the latest company to be gripped by bid fever. Its shares stood out with a rise of 16p to 143½p on whispers that British & Commonwealth had sold its 6 per cent stake to Elf Aquitaine, the French group, still smarting after failing to win control of Tricentrol.

Rowntree, the Aero, Kit Kat, Smarties and Rolo chocolate group, failed to materialize. But there was still plenty of turnover in the shares with dealers convinced that Jacobs Suchard's dawn raid at 630p earlier this week will flush out a bid from a third party.

Rowntree, which had already risen 236p in two hectic trading sessions, fluctuated between extremes of 738p and 697p before forging ahead again to close at 710p, a fall on the day of 3p, with 6.6 million shares changing hands.

County NatWest Woodmac, the broker, is convinced a takeover battle for Rowntree is looming and claims the takeout price is likely to be more than £10 a share.

There was also increased speculation that **Cadbury Schweppes**, the confectionery and drinks group, could also be swallowed by an overseas predator. The shares raced away in hectic trading to touch 291p before closing 19p higher at 289p.

General Cinema of the US holds a near-18 per cent stake and remains the favourite to launch a full-scale offer.

However, the talk yesterday was that General Cinema was on the verge of selling its holding to another party hell-bent on getting its teeth into Cadbury.

County NatWest Woodmac is also a fan of Cadbury and reckons that there is scope for improvement in the share price which could also receive a boost from the recent analysts' presentation in Spain.

Ranks Hovis McDougall improved 3p to 330p, after 332p, as dealers continued to think that Goodman Fielder, the Australian group, will soon use its 29 per cent stake as a launch pad for a full bid.

Other strong performers in the food sector included **Bassett** which jumped by 14p to 235p and **United Biscuits**, 12p better at 277p.

Matthew Hall, the engineering group, jumped 14p to 153p on talk that the recent disappointing results has left it vulnerable to a bid.

BICC, the electrical group, has been linked with Matthew Hall in the past, but yesterday Costain, the building group, was mentioned as an interested suitor.

Costain has troubles of its own with Trafalgar House breathing down its neck with a stake of about 7 per cent.

Dealers claim it might bid for Matthew Hall in order to fend off a possible offer from Trafalgar House.

In the oil sector, **Premier Consolidated**, in which Burmah holds a 25 per cent shareholding, gained 6p to 69p on speculation that Arco was on the verge of launching a bid.

Laporte Industries, the chemicals group, edged forward 2p to 379p as investors started to nibble ahead of the full-year figures scheduled for next next Wednesday.

Mr Martin Evans, analyst at Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, believes the shares are due for a re-rating and have been neglected for too long.

He is going for pretax profits of £74.5 million against £64.2 million. He detects no justifiable reason for the underperformance of the shares. Their prolonged period in the doldrums has resulted in them hovering around its lowest p-e for three years. With the prospect of above-average earnings growth, the shares are a buy.

Storehouse, the British Homes Stores to Habitat,

Shares of WH Smith "A", the high street retailer, fell 5p to 280p after analysts at Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, *the broker, downgraded their profits forecast for the current year from £83* million to £78 million. This follows a similar move *made by rival Philips & Drew* last week.

Mothercare and Richards stores group headed by Sir Terence Conran, ended 10p better at 268p as more than 6 million shares were traded. Reports circulating in the marketplace claim that Mr Tony Clegg, chairman of Mountleigh, the property group, has not given up the idea of launching a full bid for the company. He is said to have visited a number of brokers this week, including Scrimgeour Vickers and Kleinwort Grieveson.

There is talk that he would like to gather together a consortium to make an offer for Storehouse in order to get his hands on its valuable property portfolio.

Geoffrey Foster

WALL STREET

Dow slips further in early trading

New York (Agencies) – Share prices turned lower in active early trading yesterday, as weakness in the broad market carried into blue chips.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which fell 101.46 points overnight, was down 5.97 to 1,999.67 at one stage when the transport indicator lost 10.76 at 831.09. The utilities average slipped 1.18 to 168.98.

The broader New York Stock Exchange composite index fell 1.01 to 146.13.

Declining shares led advancing issues by a margin of about four to one.

● **Frankfurt** – Shares prices fell on the weakness of the dollar following the release of a much wider-than-expected US February trade deficit.

Trading was very light. The FAZ index declined 9.21 points to 454.49.

Deutsche Bank was down DM14.20 to Dm417.80, while Commerzbank was down DM8.00 to DM230.50.
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● **Tokyo** – Share prices declined following Wall Street's 101-point plunge overnight on a larger-than-expected US February trade deficit, but the response was surprisingly muted.

"The fundamentals haven't changed," said a broker at one of the big four securities houses.

The Nikkei average lost 217.78 points to close at 26,893.57. It gained 125.80 points on Thursday.

● **Singapore** – The stock market closed sharply lower across the board on selling pressure and profit-taking in moderate trading, dealers said.

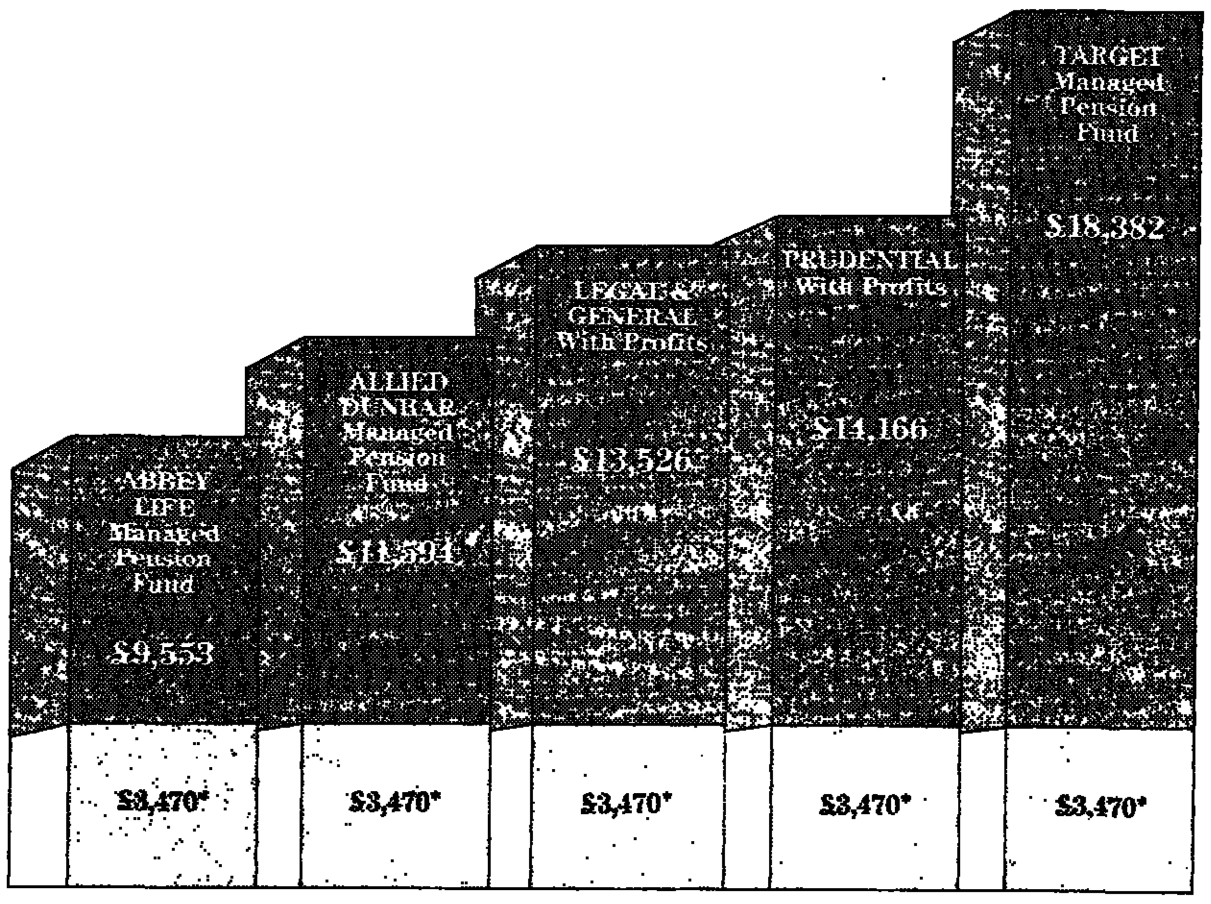
The *Straits Times* industrial index lost 2.5 per cent to 933.44 points from Thursday's close of 957.11.

● **Hongkong** – Shares declined on a broad front, with the Hang Seng index closing at 2,591.39, down 92.39 points.

● **Sydney** – Prices fell on the Sydney stock exchange with the All-Ordinaries industrial index closing down 30.9 at 1,436.8.

	Apr 14	Apr 13		Apr 14	Apr 13		Apr 14	Apr 13
AMR Cp	42	43	Fedders	8⅞	9⅛	Pennzoil	75¾	78½
ASA	45	44⅞	Firestone	79⅝	79½	Pepsico	35	36⅞
Aetna Life	43⅝	45⅝	Fst Chicago	25	26	Pfizer	57	60⅜
Allied Signal	32⅞	33⅝	Fst Int Bncp	42½	45	Phelps Dod	41⅜	43
Allis Chlm	1	1	Fst Penn C	10⅜	11	Philip Mor	87⅝	89⅝
Alcoa	43⅝	45⅜	FT Wachva	37⅝	37¼	Philip Ptrl	17⅜	18⅝
Amax Inc	19⅝	21⅝	Ford Motor	44⅞	47⅝	Polaroid	30⅞	32⅝
AMR Hess	30⅞	32⅛	GAF Cp	51	52⅝	Primerica	25⅜	27⅝
Am Brands	42½	45	GTE Cp	35⅜	36⅜	Proct Gble	77½	82⅝
Am Cynmd	49⅝	51⅛	Gen Cp	17¾	18⅜	Pub S E G	22⅞	23⅝
Am Ele Pwr	26⅝	27⅛	Gn Dynam	54	54⅞	R Nabisco	50⅝	52
Amexs	25	26⅛	Gen Electric	40⅝	42⅝	Raytheon	67	68⅝
Am Family	15⅝	16	Gen Inst	31⅛	33⅜	Rynlds Metl	42⅝	45¼
Am Home	78⅞	80⅜	Gen Mills	46⅝	48	Rockwell Int	18⅜	20
Am Int Grp	53¼	56	Gen Motors	71⅞	75⅝	Royal Dutch	120⅛	123⅝
Am Stand	77⅝	77⅝	Gen Pub Ut	32½	32⅝	SFE Sopac	15⅜	16⅝
Am Telph	26⅝	28⅜	Genesco	3⅝	4	Sara Lee	37⅝	40
Amoco Cp	78	80¼	Georgia Pac	39⅝	41	Schlumb	35⅝	38
Anheuser B	31⅛	32	Gillette	41⅝	44½	Scott Paper	37⅛	39
Armco Steel	11⅛	12⅜	Goodrich	49⅝	53⅝	Seagram	52⅝	54⅜
Asarco Inc	22⅝	23⅝	Goodyear	63⅞	65⅜	Sears Roeb	34⅜	36⅝
Ashland Oil	69⅝	70⅜	Gould Inc	10⅝	11⅝	Shell Trans	78⅜	81⅜
Atl Richfld	88	90⅜	Grace Co	26	27½	Singer	49⅜	49⅝
Avon Prod	23½	25⅛	Grt Atl Pac	36⅜	37⅝	Smith Beck	54	56½
Bk Boston	23⅝	24⅝	Greyhnd	30⅝	31⅜	Sony Cp	44	44⅜
Bank NY	31⅛	32⅜	Gruman	22⅛	23½	Sth Cal Edi	30⅝	31⅝
Bankamer	10	10½	Gulf & West	78	79⅜	SW Bell	35½	36⅝
Bkrs Tst NY	31⅛	32	Heinz	42⅜	43⅜	Squibb	63⅜	65⅝
Baxter	22	23⅛	Hercules	49⅝	52⅛	Sterl Drug	n.a	n.a
Beth Steel	20⅝	22⅛	Hewlett Pk	61⅝	64½	Stevens JP	68⅜	68⅜
Boeing	46	47⅝	Honeywell	67	69⅛	Sun Comp	59⅜	61⅜
Boise Casc	45⅜	47⅝	IC Ind	34	36⅛	TRW Inc	45	46⅝
Borden	51	53	ITT Cp	46⅛	47½	Teledyne	328⅜	336½
Bristl Meyr	40⅝	42½	INCO	26⅝	27	Tenneco	44	45⅜
BP	61⅛	62	Ing Rand Wi	37⅜	39⅜	Texaco	47⅜	49⅝
Brunswick	21	22⅝	Inland Steel	33½	34⅝	Tex Eastn	28⅜	30½
Burl Nth	69⅝	71⅛	IBM	111⅝	116⅝	Texas Inst	51	54⅞
CBS	158⅜	162	Int Paper	42½	45⅝	Tex Util	25⅝	26
CMS Engy	17⅝	18	Irving Bk	61	65	Textron	25⅞	28⅜
CPC Int	46⅝	50⅜	Jhns & Jhns	79⅝	84	Travelers	33⅜	35⅛
CSX Cp	29⅜	31	K Mart	33⅝	36	USG	37	39
Camp Soup	26⅜	29⅝	Kaisertech	13⅛	14½	USX Cp	31½	34
Can Pacific	19⅜	19⅝	Kerr McGee	37⅝	38⅜	Unilever Plc	34½	35⅜
Caterpillar	63	65⅛	Kimbrly Clrk	55⅝	57⅛	Un Carbide	22⅜	24⅜
Centrl SW	31⅛	31⅛	Kraft	52⅝	54½	Un Pac Cp	66	68⅝
Champion	34⅜	36⅝	Kroger	32	33⅜	Unisys Cp	33⅜	35⅜
Chase Man	25	26⅝	LTV Cp	3⅝	3⅝	Utd Brands	47⅜	47⅜
Chem NY	23⅝	23⅛	Litton	83⅝	86⅛	Us West	51½	54⅝
Chevron	48⅝	50½	Lockheed	44⅜	45½	Utd Tech	39⅜	41½
Chrysler	23⅝	24½	Lucky Str	53⅜	54½	Unocal	38⅜	39⅝
Citicorp	19⅝	20	Man H'nver	25½	25⅝	Warn Lamb	72⅝	75⅝
Clark Eq	27⅜	29⅛	Manville	2⅝	2⅝	Wells Far	52	55⅝
Coca Cola	37½	40⅜	Mapco	54	54⅜	Westg El	52⅜	54⅜
Colgate	40⅝	43⅛	Marriott	30⅝	31½	Weyerhsr	38	39⅝
Columb Gas	27⅝	28	Mt Marrieta	43⅜	45½	Whirlpool	25½	26⅝
Cmb'tn Eng	31	33½	Masco	25½	28	Woolworth	51½	54½
Cmwlth Edi	24⅛	25⅜	Mcdonalds	42⅜	44⅞	Xerox Cp	54⅜	56
Cons Edis	43½	44⅜	McDonnell	63⅜	65⅜	Zenith	18⅜	20
Consol Ng	36⅝	37⅜	Mead Cp	37⅜	40⅜			
Cont Data	25	26½	Merck	159⅝	167⅛	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corning Gl	52⅝	54⅜	Minsta Mng	58⅜	61⅝			
Crane	30⅝	32⅝	Mobil	46⅛	48⅝	Agnco Eag	19	18½
Curtiss W	51	51⅝	Monsanto	80	83⅝	Alcan Alum	34⅜	35⅝
Data Genl	23½	24⅝	Montedison	13⅛	13⅛	Algoma Stl	19.62	19.50
Deere Co	46	47⅝	Morgan Jp	33	33⅝	Can Pacific	23⅝	24⅛
Delta Airl	49⅝	50⅜	Motorola	46⅝	48⅝	Cominco	19⅝	19
Detroit Edi	13½	13⅝	NCR	61½	62⅝	Con Bathrst	17	17⅝
Digital Eq	103	108⅝	NL Indstrs	6⅝	6⅝	Hawk S Can	22½	22⅞
Disney	55⅝	56⅝	Nat Md Ent	21⅛	22⅝	Hud Bay M	19⅜	19⅝
Dow Chem	83⅝	87	Nat Semi	12⅝	13⅝	Imasco	27½	28⅜
Dressr Ind	33½	34⅝	Norfolk Sth	27⅝	29⅛	Imperial Oil	62	62½
Dupont	82⅜	87¼	NW Bancrp	41⅜	43⅝	Int Pipe	45⅝	46⅜
Duke Pwr	43½	45½	Occid Petl	26⅝	28	Royl Trstco	16½	16¼
East Kodak	40⅝	42⅛	Ogden Cp	29½	31⅛	Seagram	65½	67⅝
Eaton Cp	81½	85⅜	Olin Cp	49⅝	52⅝	Shelco 'A'	40	41⅝
Emerson El	30⅝	32⅛	PPG Ind	39⅝	42⅛	Thmsn N 'A'	28⅜	28½
Emery Air	6⅛	6⅜	Pac Gas El	15⅛	15⅝	Varity Cp	4.25	4.45
Exxon	42⅜	45½	Pan Am	2⅝	2⅛	WCT	17½	17⅝
Farah Inc	9⅝	9⅝	Penney JC	47½	50⅛	Weston	34⅜	35⅛

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APPOINTMENTS

Sir Keith Bright heads Thomas Goode board

Thomas Goode: **Sir Keith Bright** has become the non-executive chairman and **Mr Peter Goode** has become the deputy chairman and continues as chairman of the operating subsidiaries.

Apricot Computers: **Mr Chris Loynes** is now group financial director.

McLeod Russell Holdings: **Mr Michael Gopsill** will become group finance director from May 1.

Circaprint Holdings: **Mr Alexander Gordon** is now non-executive financial director.

Dicksons (Engineering): **Mr Rod Charles** becomes a director and general manager.

Edenderry Group: **Mr Kevin Wylie** has joined the board.

The Littlewoods Organisation: **Mr Leonard van Geest** has been named as a non-executive director.

Megaprint (UK): **Mrs Brenda Simonetti** has become the managing director.

The John Harris Design Partnership: **The Hon Mrs Emmeline Winterbotham** is to join the board.

Eurotunnel: **M Philippe Essig** has been made a director.

International Commercial Bank: **Sir Michael Sandberg** has taken over as chairman.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
March 28	April 15	June 30	July 11

Call options were taken out on: 15/4/88 Rowntree, BP p/p, Burnett & Hallamshire, C Baynes, Cable & Wireless, Reuters, RTZ, B Matthews, Explaura, Underwoods, Wheway, Scottish & Newcastle, Lep Group, Oliver Res., Brown & Jackson, Inoco, CASE Group, Fobel, First Land Oil & Gas, Staks, Amstrad, GEC, Burmah Oil, Enterprise Oil, Regentcrest, Lee Intl., Cons Tern, Cluff Oil, Readicut, J Wilkams, Johnson Firth Brown, Fergabrook, Helical Bar, Woolworth, Eagle Tst., Astra Hldgs.
Put: BP p/p.
Put & Call: BP p/p.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

AMI Healthcare (215p)	267
Acre Oil	195 +9
Archer (AJ) (130p)	160
Assoc Nursing	136 –4
Aukett Ass (95p)	100
BWD (95p)	94 –2
Brit Pet P/P	76½ –2
Gardner (DC)	151 –2
Holders Tech (140p)	141
Hughes (HT)	75 –2
ISA Intl (80p)	125 –1
Inshops (52p)	81 –5
Lon Forfaiting (160p)	159 –1
MTL Inst New	75
Merc Manf New	86
Norfolk House (100p)	106
Pennine Optical	50
Psion	118 –2
Reliable Props	£14½
Resort Hotels (14p)	17½
River&Merc Am Inc	102
Selective Ass	72 –1
Shaftsbury (180p)	153
Shanks McEwan (650p)	810
Shorco	135
TGI (130p)	131
Titon Hldgs (80p)	82
Total Systems	86
UK Paper (135p)	140 –3
Vosper Thorny (160p)	173

RIGHTS ISSUES

Compsoft N/P	8
F&H N/P	36 +6
Klien-E-Ze N/P	50
Leigh Int N/P	50 –1
Logica N/P	46 +4
Lucas N/P	39 –3
Persimmon N/P	38 +1
Tootal N/P	4¼ +1¼
Wickes N/P	30
Williams (J) N/P	6½

(Issue price in brackets).

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	295	Coats	2,219	Laporte	338	Royal Ins	1,508
Abbey	381	CU	2,084	L&G	1,073	Saatchi	573
Alld-Lyons	1,100	Cons Gold	138	Lloyds	1,614	Sainsbury	249
Amstrad	5,555	Cookson	829	Lonrho	1,459	Scot & N	1,294
ASDA	559	Courtaulds	6,228	Lucas	200	Sears	3,064
AB Foods	213	Dalgety	244	Magnet	647	Sedgwick	1,990
Argyll	1,344	Dee	2,381	M&S	4,853	Shell	1,981
BAA	5,016	Dixons	820	Maxwell Cm	341	Smith & N	501
BET	958	ECC	643	MEPC	1,482	Smith WH	1,005
BTR	5,787	Enterprise	1,311	Metal Box	2,011	STC	1,899
BAT	2,917	Ferranti	2,005	Midland	3,500	Stan Chart	205
Barclays	1,697	Fisons	1,364	NatWest	2,189	Storehse	6,326
Bass	786	Gen Acc	846	Next	577	Sun Allnce	223
Beecham	2,278	GEC	18,331	Nth Food	532	T & N	748
Beazer	229	Glaxo	282	P&O	933	Tarmac	1,191
BICC	140	Globe	165	Pearl	546	Tate & Lyle	491
Blue Arrow	2,057	Granada	238	Pearson	164	TSB	3,386
Blue Circle	1,927	Grand Met	1,677	Pilkington	2,502	Tesco	3,910
BOC	1,449	GUS 'A'	226	Plessey	4,389	Thorn EMI	667
Boots	3,448	GRE	274	Prudential	571	Trafalgar	1,673
BPB	1,780	GKN	964	Racal	10,103	THF	976
Br Aero	3,032	Guinness	665	Rk Hovis	549	Ultramar	3,861
Br Airways	2,935	Hamm 'A'	378	Rank	474	Unigate	1,044
Br Comm	1,420	Hanson	15,791	R&C	260	Unilever	1,330
Br Gas	7,900	Hawker	772	Redland	465	United Bis	3,255
Br Petrol	6,000	Hillsdown	294	Reed	1,689	Utd News	1,122
Br Telecm	5,462	IMI	274	Reuters	1,468	Wellcome	1,804
Britoil	39	ICI	2,341	RMC Gp	995	Whitbrd	2,154
Bunzl	371	Inchcape	110	RTZ	2,093	Williams	508
Burmah	2,398	Jaguar	1,593	R-Royce	3,369	Wills Fab	1,471
Burton	520	Lasmo	1,343	Rothmn 'B'	246	Wimpey G	840
C&W	1,759	Ladbroke	710	Rowntree	6,683	Woolworth	908
Cadbury	8,992	Land Sec	1,446	Royal Bank	824		

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LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyons (*391)	380	32	43	50	1½	11	17
	390	8	25	33	7	25	28
	420	1	13	21	32	42	45
Bass (*839)	800	43	75	97	7	18	28
	850	7	45	67	17	45	52
	900	2	23	45	62	77	80
Brit Air (*165)	140	27	32	35	½	5	8
	160	9	15	19	3	12	15
	180	1	7	11	15	22	25
Brit Com (*285)	280	12	23	32	5	15	20
	300	3	14	22	17	28	32
	330	1	6	12	47	50	55
Brit Gas (*178)	160	16	22	–	½	4	–
	170	7	15½	18½	2	7	10½
	180	1½	10	13½	6	11½	15
BP (*271)	240	34	41	48	½	5	10
	260	14	29	35	1½	10	14
	280	2	16	24	9	20	26
Britoil (*513)	420	98	–	–	1	2	2
	460	55	62	70	2	3	6
	500	15	30	40	2½	8	15
Cons Gold (*920)	850	75	140	160	2	40	65
	900	35	110	125	9	60	85
	950	11	85	105	40	90	110
Courtauld (*346)	300	40	47	55	1	9	14
	330	11	25	35	4	20	27
	360	2	13	24	25	40	43
	390	1	7	–	55	63	–
Com Union (*334)	300	35	47	55	2	6	12
	330	7	28	35	4	17	25
	360	2	14	23	28	32	38
C & W (*323)	330	6	25	32	10	30	35
	360	1	12	20	38	47	53
	390	1	5	13	68	72	78
GEC (*155)	140	16	24	26	1	4	7½
	160	2	9½	13	7	12	18
	180	¼	3½	6½	26	27	30
GKN (*301)	280	22	34	43	2	9	14
	300	7	22	31	5	17	27
	330	1	11	20	31	37	40
	350	½	5	–	61	63	–
Grand Met (*482)	420	64	80	85	1	7	10
	460	24	48	58	2½	18	23
	500	2½	25	38	20	35	43
	550	1	10	20	70	72	75
ICI (*979)	950	35	87	110	6	38	62
	1000	6	62	80	32	63	85
	1050	1	38	–	75	95	–
	1100	1	25	45	125	130	150
Jaguar (*278)	260	20	35	45	1½	11	16
	280	7	23	33	8	21	25
	300	1½	15	25	25	32	37
Land Sec (*547)	460	87	93	100	1	5	9
	500	47	58	72	2	13	20
	550	6	25	40	10	37	45
M & S (*185)	160	27	30	34	½	4	6
	180	8	15	19	2	11	15
	200	2	8	11	16	21	26
R-Royce (*112)	110	5	12	16	3½	8	10
	120	1	7	10	9	15	16
	130	¼	4	8	19	20	24
STC (*237)	220	19	29	35	1	7	10
	240	5	18	24	7	17	20
	260	1	10	16	24	28	32
Sainsbury (*242)	220	23	28	33	1	6	8
	240	8	14	21	5	13	18
	260	½	7	12	20	26	30
Shell (*1062)	1000	73	110	130	4	23	40
	1050	30	80	–	9	40	–
	1100	7	55	73	40	70	85
Storehse (*267)	220	50	57	60	1	7	10
	240	30	43	48	1	13	16
	260	13	32	38	4	22	26
	280	6	20	–	23	33	–
Trafalgar (*328)	300	28	38	47	2	8	12
	330	4	18	28	8	23	28
	360	1½	9	17	37	43	48
TSB (*103)	100	5	9	12	1	4	6
	110	1	4	7	8	11	12
	120	½	2	4	18	19	20
Woolworth (*282)	260	27	32	42	1	13	17
	280	10	22	32	6	20	25
	300	2	13	22	20	35	38

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Amstrad (*157)	140	22	28	33	4	8	9
	160	11	18	22	15	16	18
	180	4	11	13	27	29	31
Barclays (*425)	460	10	20	30	42	55	57
	500	3	11	18	80	85	90
	550	1	4	–	130	132	–
Beecham (*460)	420	52	60	68	7	16	22
	460	27	38	50	20	35	40
	500	10	22	31	47	60	62
	550	3	–	–	95	–	–
Boots (*223)	200	29	31	37	3	7	13
	220	15	20	26	12	16	22
	240	7	11	18	24	28	34
BTR (*246)	240	22	30	34	8	14	16
	260	10	19	24	19	25	26
	280	4½	12	16	36	39	39
Blue Circ (*441)	420	33	48	58	15	25	33
	460	15	30	37	40	48	57
	500	7	15	25	73	77	85
Dixons (*176)	160	24	28	32	4	10	12
	180	11	16	20	14	18	22
	200	4	8	11	28	32	36
Glaxo (*972)	950	65	107	125	35	52	65
	1000	40	80	97	50	77	90
	1050	25	60	–	87	110	–
	1100	13	42	57	130	145	150
Hanson (*126)	120	9	14½	17½	3½	6	8½
	130	4½	9	13	9½	12	13½
	140	2	5½	8½	16½	18½	20
	160	½	2	3½	35	36	36
Hawker (*451)	460	17	35	42	35	45	45
	500	6	20	27	68	73	73
	550	2	10	15	110	115	115
Lonrho (*241)	220	30	34	38	5	9	11
	240	14	21	28	10	16	18
	260	6	12	18	21	27	28
	280	3	6	–	38	42	–
Midland (*391)	360	42	50	60	8	15	17
	390	22	30	40	22	27	32
	420	10	17	27	40	47	52
Sears (*127)	120	11	16	18	5	8	11
	130	6	11	14	12	14	16
	140	3	7	10	18	21	23
Tesco (*152)	140	16	23	27	5	7	9
	160	7	10	17	14	17	20
	180	3	6	9	31	32	34
Thorn EMI (*608)	500	120	130	–	2	8	–
	550	72	92	102	5	20	30
	600	35	52	62	18	40	54
	650	15	23	36	52	65	75
THF (*235)	220	24	30	35	4	10	12
	240	10	18	25	13	20	23
	260	4	11	13	30	35	38
Unilever (*458)	460	25	43	53	22	31	38
	500	9	28	36	50	55	62
	550	2½	14	–	98	98	–
Wellcome (*457)	420	57	78	90	11	24	30
	460	30	55	68	30	42	48
	500	16	38	49	53	60	70

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAA (*114)	100	17	23	33	2½	9	10
	110	10	17	27	5	12	14
	120	5½	13	21	10	17	19
Brit Aero (*408)	330	83	95	100	3	7	13
	360	55	70	80	5	13	22
	390	30	48	58	11	22	32
	420	14	33	45	25	35	45
BAT Ind (*421)	390	40	54	–	5½	13	–
	420	18	35	45	16	27	33
	460	5	20	28	43	50	57
	500	1½	9	18	83	85	90
Brit Tele (*247)	220	29	34	40	1½	7	9
	240	13	20	27	6	14	17
	260	3	11	16	16	26	26
Cadbury (*290)	240	51	65	70	1	6	8
	260	32	48	55	6	9	12
	280	20	33	43	12	16	21
Guinness (*300)	260	45	–	60	1	–	10
	280	27	–	45	5	–	17
	300	13	–	35	12	–	27
Ladbroke (*407)	300	112	115	–	1	1	–
	330	82	85	88	1	3	7
	360	53	57	63	1	8	16
LASMO (*354)	280	75	77	82	2	7	12
	300	65	62	77	4	15	20
	330	30	45	62	10	24	32
Pilkington (*209)	200	15	22	26	8	13	17
	220	6	12	16	18	25	28
	240	2	5	9	35	40	43
	260	1	3	–	55	58	–
Plessey (*153)	140	17	22	28	3½	9	12
	160	6½	13	18	14	20	24
	180	3½	7	11	30	35	37
P & O (*587)	500	90	102	107	3	7	10
	550	45	65	77	8	18	25
	600	15	37	50	28	42	55
Prudential (*789)	800	28	55	75	28	40	56
	850	8	35	60	65	76	85
	900	3	20	33	115	115	120
Racal (*221)	200	26	34	42	3½	9	12
	220	13	21	31	10	18	22
	240	5½	13	21	23	30	34
RTZ (*353)	300	60	73	–	2	11	–
	330	34	52	65	8	23	26
	360	18	35	45	24	37	42
	390	9	–	–	40	–	–
Vaal Reefs (*88)	80	12	18	20	3	5	6½
	90	7	12	14	6	11	15
	100	2½	8	10	15	15	20
Tr 12% 1995 (*115)	110	4¾	4¾	4¾	1/16	⅜	20/32
	112	2⅜	2½	2⅜	7/32	13/16	1⅜
	114	1 11/16	1½	1⅝	25/32	1⅝	2 7/16
	116	¾	25/32	1	2	2⅜	3⅜
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*121)	114	7 1/16	–	–	3/32	–	–
	116	5 1/16	–	–	7/32	–	–
	118	3 3/16	–	–	17/32	–	–
	120	1⅞	–	–	1 3/16	–	–
	122	1	–	–	2⅛	–	–

FT-SE INDEX (*1778)

Series	Calls Apr	Calls May	Calls Jun	Calls Jul	Puts Apr	Puts May	Puts Jun	Puts Jul
1600	175	—	—	—	3	—	—	—
1650	125	140	160	175	6	20	33	38
1700	80	105	120	132	11	32	48	58
1750	40	68	88	105	25	60	68	78
1800	15	40	60	72	50	80	92	103
1850	5	25	38	53	92	107	123	130
1900	2	11	27	37	143	145	160	167

April 15, 1988 Total: 37717 Calls 19593 Puts 18124 FT-SE: Calls 1286 Puts 2904
*Underlying security price.

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Sheehy on attack as BAT steps up fight for Farmers

By Colin Campbell

BAT Industries, clearly running out of patience at the hurdles placed in its path for a takeover of Farmers Group, yesterday said it interprets Farmers' latest moves "as a clear attempt to avoid" negotiations, and further charged that Farmers' management actions may "not in the best interests of their shareholders".

The latest turn in the $4.5 billion (£2.4 billion) bid battle for the US insurance group, which started in January and looks set to run and run, is a letter from Mr Patrick Sheehy, the BAT chairman, to Farmers, expressing disappointment that Farmers has chosen to ignore its requests to enter into good faith negotiations.

Batus, BAT's US vehicle, has formally proposed a $63-a-share cash bid for Farmers, and has been anxious to meet Farmers' board to discuss its proposals. To date, there has only been lawyer-to-lawyer contact, and at the same time letters from both sides are being given a public airing.

So far, the tone has been polite. Now the mood is "gloves off" after a week of frustrating legal discussion over the draft of a confidentiality agreement that Farmers wanted Batus to sign ahead of any talks.

The draft confidentiality agreement, which Batus finds it cannot sign, included proposals that Batus be restricted from buying any shares in Farmers for certain periods – which could have extended well beyond six months – as well as other restrictions.

In his letter, Mr Sheehy says his company has been "presented with unreasonable standstill terms", and therefore Batus has been precluded from ever reaching meaningful negotiations on the price for Farmers shares.

He further charges that Batus has been denied information that Farmers has given to third parties, and further that Farmers has indicated it might court such parties to make a bid under conditions that would leave Batus at a disadvantage.

"We wish to restate our position that we are prepared to pay in excess of $63 in cash per Farmers share in a negotiated transaction approved by the board," Mr Sheehy says.

"Depending on the nature and extent of the non-public information which you have already given to others, such price improvement could be substantial."

The letter also alleges that the directors of Farmers Group may be in breach of their fiduciary duties if they go ahead with certain actions they have in mind.

Future events include a court hearing in California starting on May 4, the judge's ruling being handed down on May 13, and a Farmers shareholders meeting on May 20.

Prontaprint in agreed £10m bid

Continuous Stationery, the business forms manufacturer, is paying £10.1 million for Prontaprint, the USM high-speed franchised print shops company.

The offer is 11 Continuous Stationery shares and 380p cash for every 10 Prontaprint shares, or a cash alternative of 129.85p per Prontaprint share.

The recommended bid forms part of Continuous Stationery's aim of lifting its standing in the business supplies and services market. It hopes to draw in more customers from small businesses.

Eventually the Prontaprint outlets will be upgraded into business centres, offering everything from a photocopy or facsimile to design and desktop publishing.

Prontaprint's directors consider that taxable profits for the year to March 1988 were at least £850,000, signalling that the group is back on course after returning to its core business.

Cap raider revealed

Cap Gemini Sogeti, the largest computer software company in France, was revealed yesterday as last week's dawn raider on the British company Cap Group, but said that it would not mount a full bid.

The announcement that CGS had a holding of 6 million shares – 14.9 per cent of the equity – in CAP Group, which is currently merging with another French company, has not pleased the British company.

The two companies have been linked since 1975, when CGS was formed out of a merger between two French companies and a third with which Cap had a joint venture.

Cap shareholders yesterday agreed to a merger with the French Sema-Metra concern to form a software house

Cap Group claimed that the refusal by CGS to reveal its identity until it was legally required to under Stock Exchange rules was "in conflict with its assertion that its approach is friendly."

Profit warning at Whinney

Shares in Whinney Mackay-Lewis dived from 185p to 103p yesterday after the USM-quoted architect and designer gave a warning that it is unlikely to be profitable in this year's second half.

It blames the setback mainly on two sizeable projects which have been brought to a premature halt.

Parkinson's progress rests on wise advice and a good market



KENNETH FLEET

No one will be watching the stock market's behaviour with keener interest than Mrs Thatcher and her ministers directly responsible for the privatization programme. A grey market, let alone a bear market, would be a serious threat.

Thursday's gyrations in a market that is now totally hooked into Wall Street will have killed any thought of selling the other half of British Telecom. A secondary offering of stock worth some £4.5 billion would need a very fair wind indeed. British Steel and the first dribblings of the 12 water boards are not due until next year – but who can afford to be complacent?

The Big One, of course, is electricity. This week NM Rothschild was confirmed as merchant banking adviser to all 12 area boards – the segment of the industry to be privatized first. Their worth at the point of sale could be anything between £6 and £9 billion, but whatever the figure an offer on this scale would be out of the question in the kind of market we have today.

Vesting day is January 1, 1990 (ending any idea of floating the boards in the autumn of next year) and the earliest date is in the spring of that year. Even that is a tight squeeze and both NMR and Price Waterhouse, who are advising the boards on structures, contracts and other matters within the proper sphere of accountants, will have their work cut out. Contracts with the generators for supplying electricity, the cost of which is the bulk of the distributors' costs, are crucial to their profitability and need to be firmly in the prospectus. Otherwise the generators, Lord Marshall's Central Electricity Generating Board ("Big G") and the 30 per cent competing generator to be carved out of the CEGB ("Little G") would have to be privatized first.

It is important for the Government, and particularly Cecil Parkinson, whose upward career path needs a smooth detour through the Department of Energy, to launch the area boards successfully and according to schedule. Problems are mounting with the future of nuclear energy and nuclear plants, and with the highly complex regime of regulation under which privatized electricity will operate. So much so that it is looking increasingly likely that Little G will be privatized before Big G, and Big G will not be offered to the public until after the next general election. The earliest Little G could be brought to the market is the spring of 1991; a more realistic date is probably the autumn. The latest date for the next election is June 1992 but it is exceedingly rare for any Parliament to run its full course.

The politics of electricity privatization are much more than implied by election dates. The inevitable Cabinet reshuffle, barring accidents, is expected to take Mr Parkinson to another ministry. Early speculation is that the least he might expect is to head an amalgam of the Department of Trade and the Department of Energy, freeing Lord Young to become chairman of the Conservative Party in good time to prepare for the general election. But Cecil's hopes would melt if he were seen to have misjudged or mishandled electricity.

So he will need the wise guidance and expert techniques of the appointed advisers – and a good market not swamped with a huge torrent of new issues. He has already been well served by Jim Smith, chairman of the Eastern board, and chairman of the area board chairmen, whose innovative mind, energy and inspiration have impressed even senior civil servants.

The first important initiative of the big area boards when they have their freedom will be to order their own generating plant, adding a new source of competition and giving commercially minded area distributors a chance to make serious money. Sir Philip Jones, chairman of the Electricity Council, is another key figure, who might well become chairman of Little G (another prospect that would have Lord Marshall leaping up and down).

But the mechanics should bring out the best from NMR and SG Warburg, who I suspect will be the other merchant bank on the prospectus. The idea basically is a "starburst". All 12 area companies will be in one package, underwritten by investing institutions who like overseas buyers would want to keep their investment in that single form. Private investors will be given various incentives to invest in individual area companies, but such inducements would be available only to buyers of shares in the company supplying electricity in the area where they live.

The real trick of course will be to get the market right!

Blue Circle's new strategy lifts earnings to £155m

By Alexandra Jackson

Significant cost savings in domestic cement manufacturing, higher property profits and lower interest costs allowed Blue Circle Industries to increase 1987 pretax profits from £127 million to £155 million.

Mr David Poole, managing director, said this showed the first fruits of the group's new strategy.

"To make another bid for Birmid Qualcast is one of the options open to us, given our 44 per cent shareholding. We have meet Birmid but are not seeking board representation," he said.

Last year Blue Circle, whose chairman is Sir John Milne, increased earnings per share from 38.3p to 47.7p. A final dividend of 10p was declared making a total of 15p, up 30 per cent. Gearing was reduced from 42.2 per ceat to 15.6 per cent.

Property profits doubled from £8.5 million to £16.7 million.

Mr Poole said cement sales were expected to be 60 per cent of turnover this year against 78 per cent last year.

See Tempus, below



Flying the flag: David Poole (left), and Sir John Milne

New wave of Continental bids begins

Ministers often propose and markets dispose. On Wednesday in Washington the Group of Seven finance ministers were united in their view that stable exchange rates were a good thing and without committing themselves to any pattern they conveyed a strong impression that they had in mind stability around then existing levels. This implied a willingness, though not, I think, a uniformly determined commitment, to intervene in the foreign exchange market to support the dollar, particularly against the ever-rising yen. The world did not have to wait long to see G7 put to the test.

The US trade figures for February were released on Thursday, revealing a deficit of $13.8 billion (£7.5 billion) – the worst since the October deficit of $17.6 billion. No one, least of all in New York, has forgotten what else happened in October. The reaction to the February figures was immediate: the dollar, though supported through central bank intervention, dropped in dismay and the Dow Jones industrial average fell more than 100 points.

If America has not yet got a grip on its foreign trade it may mean higher US interest rates: it certainly means an uncertain dollar. Confidence is a delicate flower, easily damaged, and Wall Street's recovery from the October crash turns on the dollar's fortunes.

Wall Street is now facing its stiffest test since the immediate aftermath of the October crash. The same is true of London, which remains firmly coupled to New York, although because share prices have not recovered to the same extent as in New York (not to mention Tokyo), they should be more resilient. The market had rallied more than 100 points by Thursday morning but remained short of conviction. Private investors have become more like fund managers: when stung most prefer to stay away. Hence the persistently low level of turnover in what I described last week as a "not very satisfactory market." In the light of the latest turn of events across the Atlantic the incentive to take risks and buy is minimal. If Wall Street becomes suicidal then obviously the May selling season would come early this year.

If the outlook is inertia and not panic there is more time to think about what the market has to offer. It is idle to pretend that falling share prices (and certainly changing exchange rates) do not change companies' underlying value. Equally their value does not evaporate overnight. There is a belief, which I share, that British industry, measured in stock market terms, is cheap – and there is satisfaction in buying shares for less than one might have done. This is not a compelling argument, only an encouraging thought.

I will add another. Corporate activity – mergers and acquisitions – in the City is brisk and becoming brisker. It is handicapped to a degree by the market's hesitation once the FT-SE index passes 1,800 and the market-makers' tactics of taking positions "fixed" on Wall Street. But London has a new European dimension that promises to sustain values, activity and interest.

With their eyes on the integrated market promised for 1992, big Continental companies are seeing the advantages of being part of the London market, and the attractions of British companies. This week's raid on Rowntree by Jacobs Suchard is a potent sign of things to come. Continental companies are still reluctant to make the first move but are immediately interested if a significant British company is put into play by another bidder. Compagnie du Midi's successful offer for Equity & Law is a good example. I will be very surprised if Suchard is not challenged for Rowntree, probably by Nestlé.

Chrysalis hits a low note with City after US records setback

The pop music business has consistently failed to strike the right chord with the stock market. Whatever the reasons, there are grounds for thinking that the City's reservations about the business are well-founded.

Certainly, the results yesterday from Chrysalis, formed out of the merger with Management Agency and Music, leave the company languishing in the popularity charts.

Pretax profits at the half-way stage are down from £5 million to £2 million and for the full year the company will at best only marginally improve on the £6.2 million last time.

Mr Chris Wright, the chairman, blames the shortfall on losses of £500,000 in the US records business, leaving the earnings for the division down from £3.8 million to £1.4 million.

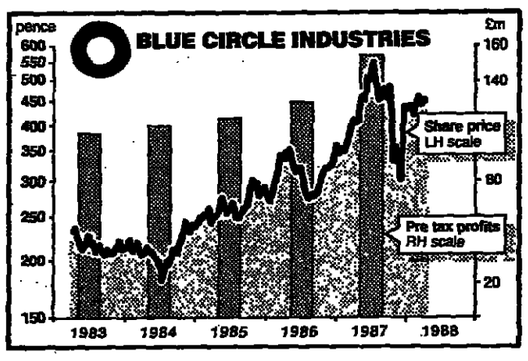
The problem was caused by Chrysalis being starved of releases from its roster of popular artistes – a quirk in its schedule which meant that it also missed out on the all-important Christmas market.

The City might think that it is the responsibility of a record company to smooth out its cycle of releases to avoid just this sort of problem but apparently it happens in the business – and could well happen again.

Reorganization of its pub amusement machine business coupled with higher rents demanded by the brewers trimmed Chrysalis's other important source, leaving profits down at £600,000 from £830,000.

Chrysalis is ready to launch a clutch of new album releases which should enable the records division to recover some ground during the second half.

Even so, the market, already wary since the row over the severe profit downgrading by the company's previous brokers, is going to take some convincing that Chrysalis is a stock worth buying. The shares at 125p and on a p/e of 8.7 look fairly valued.



Blue Circle

Blue Circle Industries has known for years how to turn cement into cash, but it has only recently publicly acknowledged that the best place to reinvest the money is not in more cement assets.

The establishment of this principle is even more important than it seems, and involves quite a change of culture. Cement has now to justify its position as one of the group's broadening spread of activities and not the most important one.

Indeed, looking ahead, one can speculate that a time may come when Blue Circle would be well advised to do the brave thing and sell its cement interests.

Last year saw a string of changes after the break-up of the cement industry's price-fixing agreement. Changes in distribution methods and improved production efficiencies reduced costs by £30 million.

But increased competition after the ending of the price agreement led to lower prices and loss of market share. This absorbed nearly half these savings.

This year, however, volumes are firm, which is helping prices, and market share should be retained. Thus in 1988, with further efficiency drives, cost savings similar to those in 1987 should come through.

Overseas, the biggest question mark hangs over the United States. Although pricing in the Atlanta ready-mixed concrete market has become less cut-throat, selling cement in oil and agriculture-oriented regions remains tough.

Yet despite this, and the currency risk, Blue Circle expects US profits to rise.

These factors will combine with similar earnings from property and overseas cement and some growth from building products to push group profits to £185 million.

But where will the group go from there? Blue Circle is widely expected to bid again for Birmid Qualcast early next year unless it agrees a merger in the meantime. Even so, the pressure is on to reinvest some of the strong cash flow in another building products business – gearing, post 44 per cent of Birmid, is only 22 per cent.

Magnet, the manufacturer of timber products including kitchens and bedrooms, fits perfectly. A deal here would not raise monopolistic eyebrows if BCI then also went back for Birmid.

But if Blue Circle does not move fast, investors may spot that earnings could level out again, or of course someone else may decide they could use the cash flow better.

Antibiotics

Antibiotics form one of the largest ethical drug categories, with sales worth $10 billion (£5.3 billion), accounting for 9 per cent of the pharmaceutical market.

Since they are prescribed for specific infections, antibiotic sales depend on hygiene, and on the incidence of infection. New antibiotics are needed to combat new resistant strains of bacteria. Sales will grow as the population expands and as it ages, since the elderly often become more prone to infection. In addition, the value of the market is expanding as old drugs are phased out in favour of more recent introductions which inevitably cost more.

With so many safe and effective products available, the market is fiercely competitive. The underlying sales growth is only about 11 per cent a year, and the manufacturers will need to rely increasingly on sophisticated marketing allied with low cost production to stay ahead of the game.

A study from County NatWest WoodMac (CNWM), the stockbroker, targets Beecham, the world's second largest manufacturer of antibiotics, as the strongest British player. Antibiotics account for 19 per cent of its sales, and for years, the conventional wisdom has viewed this heavy dependence as a main weakness, precisely because of the market's maturity and competitiveness.

But Amoxil, its biggest selling product, is still enjoying steady, if declining growth, in spite of being out of patent in many countries. The real excitement is in Augmentin, its second-largest selling product which is likely to overtake Amoxil next year.

Augmentin was launched in the US in 1984 and Japan in 1986 and, as it becomes more widely available, CNWM predicts sales of £400 million by 1991-92 compared with £115 million in 1986-87. CNWM also looks forward to widening margins, as incremental sales revenues fall almost straight through to the bottom line.

As a result, CNWM forecasts pretax profits for the Beecham Group of £405 million for the year to March 1988, and it recommends buying the shares. The prospective multiple is 14.5, falling to 12.6 next year, and the yield is an attractive 4.2 per cent.

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Gilt & Fixed	113.9	122.0⊕	-0.2	8.20
Hi Inc Equity	115.6	123.1⊕	+0.6	5.48
Worldwide Bd	186.6	198.4	+0.7	4.83
American Gth	144.7	153.9	-0.1	1.57
Asian Pacific	61.0	64.9	+0.2	1.17
Assets & Earns	135.3	143.9	+0.6	1.74
Capital Res	78.1	78.3⊕		3.83
Comm Energy	85.9	91.6	+0.6	1.07
Euro Capital	66.7	71.3⊕	+0.5	1.05
General	161.6	172.1	+1.5	2.61
Japan	95.9	102.5	+0.6	
Uk Gth Inc	125.8	133.8⊕	+1.1	1.98
Do Acc	184.9	196.7⊕	+1.6	1.35
US Emerg Co	39.8	42.5		0.00
Income Gth	247.9	263.7	+1.3	3.60
Master Acc	69.3	74.1	+0.4	2.36
American Inc	40.6	43.4	+0.2	6.31
Emerg Tst	39.9	42.6	-1.1	2.93

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Uh Gtowth	30.6	32.5⊕	+0.1	3.23
N Americ Inc	34.0	35.5⊕	-0.1	4.69
World Gth	39.1	41.6	+0.1	1.10
Extra Inc	37.7	40.1⊕	+0.2	6.10

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American	38.7	41.2	-0.6	2.24
Amer Extra Inc	34.9	37.1⊕	-0.4	6.19
Australian	19.5	20.8	+0.2	1.58
Euro Tst	41.2	43.8	+0.2	0.00
Gl/Fxd Interest	23.5	25.1⊕		9.52
Global Income	54.7	57.9⊕	+0.1	5.24
Income	51.3	54.5	+0.1	5.40
Income Growth	64.0	68.1	+0.4	4.38
International	83.4	88.0	-0.1	0.59
Japan Gen	165.3	173.9	+0.4	0.01
Special Sits	82.4	86.4⊕	+0.4	1.32

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Euro Gth Acc	100.4	106.9⊕	+0.9	1.14
Exempt	386.5	407.6⊕	+3.0	4.74
Far Eastern	204.8	220.1⊕	+2.4	0.00
Fin & Prop	78.4	83.1	+0.5	5.57
Hi Yield	77.1	75.5⊕	+0.1	5.05
Income & Gth	299.5	317.4⊕	+1.5	4.53
Int Earnings	176.2	186.7⊕	+1.2	3.01
Int Growth Inc	84.6	90.1⊕	+0.3	0.24
Japan Gth Acc	154.0	164.5⊕	+0.2	0.00
N Amer Gth Inc	106.5	114.5	-0.1	2.78
Preference Inc	124.9	132.3⊕	+0.1	9.21
Smi Co Dlr Inc	89.3	94.6	+0.4	4.66
Smi Co Gth	274.0	290.3	+1.8	1.66
Spec Sits Inc	125.6	133.0	+0.9	1.57
Uk Growth	373.0	395.1⊕	+1.7	3.32

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High Income	291.1	308.6⊕	+2.4	4.89
Equity Inc	169.6	179.8	+1.0	4.35
High Yield	174.1	184.5⊕	+1.3	4.98
Balanced	341.1	361.8⊕	+2.3	3.31
Amer Inc	37.2	39.0	+0.4	4.45
World Ass Val	25.7	27.4	+0.2	1.20
Japan	142.5	151.8	+1.5	0.01
Spec Sit of Amer	138.3	146.7	+0.9	0.00
Asset Value	308.4	324.5	+3.3	3.65
O seas Earn	202.2	214.3	+1.7	3.30
Recovery	95.1	100.8⊕	+0.7	3.10
UK Special Sits	250.5	265.5⊕	+1.7	2.73
Smlr Co	161.2	170.9	+1.3	2.18
Capital	243.6	258.4⊕	+0.7	3.36
Amer Spec Sit	39.2	53.0⊕		1.73
International	89.5	95.3	+0.5	1.24
Growth & Inc	148.5	157.4⊕	+0.7	3.68
Euro Gth	17.7	18.9		1.32
Pacific	218.3	232.5	+1.9	0.28
2nd Smlr Co	189.9	200.2⊕	+0.7	1.84

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544

Capital	78.5	83.8	+0.7	3.15
Euro Gth Inc	58.7	62.7	+0.8	1.74
Extra Income	91.3	97.4⊕	+1.0	5.21
General	163.5	174.5⊕	+0.1	3.81
Gilt & Fixed Inc	54.4	57.7⊕	+0.2	9.13
Income Tst	394.2	420.5	+4.7	4.02
Int Income	48.1	51.4	+0.6	4.35
Smlr Co Inc	37.0	39.5	+0.4	1.23

BARING FUND MANAGERS
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American EVS	92.2	98.3⊕		0.70
Australian	54.4	57.8		0.00
Eastern	63.7	67.9⊕		0.00
Equity Inc	67.8	71.8⊕		5.20
Europe	113.3	120.2		0.10
Exempt Tst	95.5	99.8		3.50
Extra Income	73.2	77.6		2.10
Do Acc	114.0	120.9		2.10
Global Gth	58.1	61.6		0.10
Japan Spec	142.7	152.0		0.00
Japan Gen	154.0	164.2⊕		0.00
First Europe	98.1	104.0		1.10
First Japan	107.9	115.0⊕		0.60
First N Amer	40.8	43.4		1.10
First Smlr Co	90.1	93.4⊕		0.40
N Amer Spec	38.5	40.8⊕		0.30
UK Growth	58.2	61.9⊕	+0.1	5.26

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Financial	151.8	160.9⊕		1.72
Smlr Co Acc	284.8	309.0⊕		0.82
Do Inc	179.8	195.0⊕		0.82
High Income	78.8	85.5⊕		5.19
Income	96.1	102.2⊕		5.18
Man Portfl Inc	88.9	94.6		2.24
Do Acc	151.0	160.6		2.24
Nth American	48.7	49.7		0.21
Orient	97.5	104.3		0.10
Exempt	260.4	275.6		2.48
Recovery	66.1	69.0		0.35
German	22.5	24.1		1.90
Int Fincce	24.5	26.2⊕		1.00
Europe	16.7	17.9⊕		3.91
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Do Acc 4	417.6	443.1	+1.0	3.00
Income Fd 3	131.9	139.9⊕	+0.2	5.00
Do Acc 3	243.8	258.7⊕	+0.5	5.00
Int Inc 2	108.9	115.6	-0.1	2.00
Do Acc 2	144.5	153.3		2.00
Smlr Inc 5	89.1	90.3	+0.4	2.00
Do Acc	92.2	97.8	+0.5	2.00

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Income	39.7	42.2⊕	-1.4	6.41
Far East	37.9	29.7⊕	-0.4	0.21
Nth American	26.3	28.0⊕	-0.5	0.73
Global	43.3	46.1⊕	-0.9	0.73
European	36.6	39.1⊕	-0.9	1.34
Japan	86.2	91.7	-1.4	0.01

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Far East S S	47.6	50.7	+0.1	2.46
Gold Gen S S	47.7	50.9	-0.2	2.47
Income	339.1	362.0⊕	+1.6	3.51
Int Sp Sits	47.4	50.5		2.48
Nth Amer	237.3	242.8⊕	-3.2	1.97

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Fixed Int	147.6			9.69
Deposit	100.0			8.71

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Acc	£12.6917	-		
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Equity Hi Inc	55.5	58.6⊕	-0.8	4.81
Do Acc	54.8	58.2		4.81
European Gth	23.9	25.3	+0.1	1.63
Gen Equity	47.3	50.1	-0.8	2.91
G/F Inrst Gth	33.4	35.2		7.18
Gth & Fixed Int	22.5	26.7⊕		8.66
Int Income Tst	22.7	24.1	+0.1	0.00
Japan Gth	47.4	50.2	+0.3	0.00
Peogree Gth	28.3	30.0	-0.4	2.26
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Do Acc	54.1	57.6	-0.2	3.18
Income Inc	54.9	58.4⊕	-0.2	4.04
Do Acc	56.9	60.5⊕	-0.2	4.04
Worldwide Inc	43.0	45.9	-0.1	1.30
Do Acc	43.4	46.4	+0.1	1.30
Gamma Inc	33.6	35.7	+0.1	1.30
Do Acc	33.8	35.9	+0.2	1.30
Amer Gth	50.4	53.6	+0.1	0.00
Euro Gth	50.8	54.1	-0.2	1.23
Far East	61.9	66.0⊕	+0.3	0.00
Gth & Fxd Int	48.3	51.1		8.34
World Bond	47.2	49.9		5.93

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European Tst	97.1	102.3	+0.8	
Growth Tst	258.8	276.0	+2.4	3.19
High Income	367.6	328.1⊕	+4.8	4.97
Japan Tst	102.3	109.1	+0.6	
Investment	25.5	27.2	+0.1	
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N Amer Gth	40.4	43.5	-1.1	1.00
Pacific Gth	54.9	59.1	+0.3	0.40
UK Gth Acc	62.2	66.9⊕	-0.2	0.50
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Conversion	24.6	26.1		7.63
Eurofund	21.7	23.1		1.30
Growth & Inc	173.5	184.3		3.80
High Dist Fd	148.3	157.6		4.76
International	198.9	211.3		1.06
Pacific Fd	19.4	20.6		0.19
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Smlr Cap Co	42.1	44.7		
Tokyo Fd	195.3	207.5		0.00
Ex Amer 2	114.2	121.2⊕		0.00
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Ex Pacific 4	325.4	333.5		0.28
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Do Acc	88.4	93.8	+0.5	2.59
UK Gth Acc	120.8	128.2	+1.1	2.14
UK High Inc	95.0	100.8	+0.4	4.90
UK Inc Acc	91.2	96.8	+0.2	4.97
Far East Acc	119.5	127.5	+1.5	0.60
European Acc	67.0	71.5	+0.4	1.45
UK Gl/Fi Inc	84.3	91.7	-0.1	8.43
Do Acc	85.9	93.5		7.44
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Nth Amer Tst	54.0	57.5		1.55
Far East Tst	111.4	118.6	+0.2	0.34
Inr Growth	52.4	55.8⊕		1.61
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Do Inc	259.2	253.4⊕	-3.8	4.57
Gens & Fxd Acc	114.0	120.0	-0.1	8.32
Do Inc	85.4	89.8	-0.1	8.32
N Amer Acc	118.1	125.8⊕	+0.1	0.00
Far East Acc	210.4	223.9⊕	+2.0	0.00
Euro Tst Acc	124.5	132.4	+0.9	1.10
Gen Tst	248.9	264.7⊕	-3.8	3.86
Bnt Excel	39.2	41.7	-0.6	2.83
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Natural Res Fd	85.1	88.7	+0.3	2.05
European Inc	56.8	60.7	+0.5	2.41
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Do Inc	87.6	89.5⊕	+0.5	5.80
Inc Gth Acc	55.2	58.9	+0.4	
Do Inc	49.1	52.4	+0.3	5.50
Serv Co Acc	65.8	70.2	+0.7	
Do Inc	64.5	68.8	+0.7	0.80
Amer Gth Acc	22.0	23.4	+0.2	
Do Inc	21.8	23.2	+0.2	1.00
Euro Gth Acc	15.7	16.7⊕	..	1.00
Do Inc	15.6	16.6⊕	..	1.00

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Amer Eqty Inc	25.6	27.4		5.78
Amer Spec Sit	45.8	49.0	+0.4	0.00
Australia	21.6	23.0	+0.2	2.60
European	51.8	55.2	+0.5	
European Inc	20.1	21.4	+0.1	4.46
Global Comm	22.7	24.2⊕		2.57
Far East Inc	37.6	40.3	+0.4	3.56
Gl/Fxd Interest	30.3	30.5⊕	+0.1	9.43
Growth & Inc	112.6	120.8	+0.5	3.98
Japan Spec Sit	70.3	75.2	+0.7	
Japan	165.4	176.9	+1.3	
Managed Intl	122.2	130.0⊕	+0.6	0.56
Inc Plus	103.2	110.4	+0.2	4.77
Famous Names	39.9	42.8	+0.5	2.65
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Spec Sit	240.0	257.7	+1.3	0.55
Special Opps	22.3	23.9	+0.3	
Intl Bond	24.1	25.7⊕		6.76
Recovery	27.6	29.7⊕	+0.2	2.52
Moneybuilder	24.5	26.1	+0.2	3.44

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Amer/Gen Inc	168.3	177.6	+0.3	..
Do Acc	171.9	181.4	+0.3	..
Amer Turn Inc	186.7	197.0	-0.1	1.03
Do Acc	189.6	200.1	-0.2	1.03
Capital Inc	262.3	276.8⊕	+1.6	2.34
Do Acc	265.1	343.1⊕	+1.9	2.34
Comp/Gth Inc	103.4	109.1	+0.1	5.27
Do Acc	104.5	110.2	+0.2	5.27
European Inc	53.4	56.3	+0.1	1.16
Do Acc	53.6	56.5	+0.1	1.16
Extra Inc Inc	231.3	244.1	+0.7	4.52
Do Acc	260.5	274.9	+0.8	4.52
Financial Acc	42.1	44.4⊕		0.95
Do Inc	41.9	44.2⊕		0.95
Income Tst	154.9	163.4	+0.5	4.20
Int Fin'rest	27.1	28.6	+0.1	4.20
Japan Tst	130.3	139.0	-0.5	0.00
Man Expt	268.3	279.5⊕	..	2.26
Oil & Energy	41.6	44.4	-0.5	2.25
Spec Sit	97.2	103.2	-2.5	0.62
Uk Gth Co Rec	96.4	101.9	+0.4	2.73
Garmore (formerly Oppenheimer) Tst Management Ltd				
Global Inc/Gth	68.3	72.9⊕	-0.1	4.18
Pacific Gth	44.4	47.3		1.47
Pract Inv Inc	63.2	67.4⊕	-0.2	2.77
Do Acc	117.5	126.1⊕	-0.6	2.77
Wrlwide Recov	85.2	90.8	..	1.19
Selected Opportunities Tst				
American	27.1	29.0⊕	-0.6	0.40
European	53.9	57.4		1.16
International	110.7	118.1		0.83
Japan	66.4	72.9		0.00
UK	58.4	62.7		1.24

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Gate, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealings:0722 411411 Admin:0722 411922

Equity Dist	226.4	239.9	-3.0	2.69
Do Acc	389.6	412.9	-5.3	2.69
Euro Gth Dist	57.4	60.8	-0.4	0.00
Do Acc	62.3	66.0	-0.4	0.00
Fxd Interest Di	119.2	126.5	-0.3	8.88
Do Acc	150.9	160.2	-0.2	8.88
Int'l Gth Dist	62.5	66.3	-0.4	0.00
Do Acc	62.5	66.7	-0.2	1.34
Nth Amer Dist	105.8	112.2	-2.6	2.30
Do Acc	107.5	114.0	-2.9	2.30
Pac Basin Dist	83.1	88.2	-1.8	0.91
Do Acc	83.2	88.3	-1.8	0.91
Steward Dist	230.0	243.7	-1.6	0.81
Do Acc	240.9	255.3	-1.8	0.81
Steward Inc Di	58.0	61.5	-0.4	3.89
Do Acc	56.1	59.4	-0.3	3.89
In Am Smed Di	49.6	52.6	-1.4	1.69
Do Acc	49.6	52.6	-1.4	1.69

GT UNIT MANAGERS
6th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YR Tel: 01-283 3531 Dealing: 01-626 1024

Amer Spec Sit	55.6	59.2⊕	-0.6	0.60
UK Cap Inc	125.1	133.1	-1.1	2.69
Do Acc	165.9	196.6	-1.5	2.60
Do Dep Sec	95.3	101.4	-0.3	6.00
Income Fd	95.3	101.4⊕	-0.3	6.00
International	146.6	156.0⊕	-0.8	1.20
US & General	44.1	47.0	-0.5	1.20
Japan & Gen	293.6	312.4⊕	+1.3	0.10
Far E Gen	125.2	133.2	+0.2	0.10
European Fd	211.4	244.9⊕	+6.4	0.10
Germany Fd	50.7	54.0	-0.3	1.60
Int Inc Fd	48.0	51.1	-0.4	5.80
Wld Spec Sit	57.2	60.9	..	1.50

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 01-626 1212
Dealings: 01-236 3885 Services: 0800 289336

American	69.0	70.3	-2.9	0.70
Australian	17.1	18.2⊕	-0.4	0.00
British Acc	69.4	74.3	-2.0	1.96
Do Dist	58.9	63.0	-1.7	1.96
Cheit UK Gth	24.4	25.9⊕	-0.2	1.92
Commd Share	57.9	60.9	-1.6	1.52
European	41.1	44.0⊕	-2.0	1.52
Extra Income	60.0	64.4	-1.0	6.30
Far East Tst	130.8	140.3	-2.0	0.40
Fxd Interest	29.4	31.5⊕	..	0.78
Frontier Mkts	97.9	105.0	-1.4	0.00
Global Fd	157.6	169.3	..	1.78
Do Dist	149.6	160.5	-1.4	1.78
Gold Share	15.8	16.8	-0.1	1.60
Hexagon Amer	31.4	33.4	-0.6	0.00
High Income	29.5	31.7⊕	-0.6	5.38
Hong Kong	30.7	32.9⊕	..	1.25
Income Fd	97.3	104.4	-1.0	4.20
Int Fd Interest	27.1	29.1	-0.1	4.20
Japan Tst	130.3	139.0	-0.5	0.00
Man Expt	268.3	279.5⊕	..	2.26
Oil & Energy	41.6	44.4	-0.5	2.25
Spec Sit	97.2	103.2	-2.5	0.62
Uk Gth Co Rec	96.4	101.9	+0.4	2.73
Garmore (formerly Oppenheimer) Tst Management Ltd				
Global Inc/Gth	68.3	72.9⊕	-0.1	4.18
Pacific Gth	44.4	47.3		1.47
Pract Inv Inc	63.2	67.4⊕	-0.2	2.77
Do Acc	117.5	126.1⊕	-0.6	2.77
Wrlwide Recov	85.2	90.8	..	1.19
Selected Opportunities Tst				
American	27.1	29.0⊕	-0.6	0.40
European	53.9	57.4		1.16
International	110.7	118.1		0.83
Japan	66.4	72.9		0.00
UK	58.4	62.7		1.24

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 01-378 7979
Dealing:01-588 0526

Int Gth	89.5	95.2		1.10
American Gth	58.0	61.7		1.12
American Inc	42.2	62.0⊕		4.71
European Gth	46.0	48.9⊕		1.17
Gold & Mnrls	47.3	50.5		0.67
Japan Gth	66.0	70.2⊕		
Pacific Inc	79.0	84.0		0.35
Pacific Strat	39.8	43.6		0.41
UK Prop Inc	71.0	75.5		4.52
UK Spec Opps	137.5	147.0		1.33
Gl Stratgy	37.1	39.4		3.19
Uk Smi Co	34.5	36.8⊕		0.89

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN Tel: 01-588 9959

Gl/Fxd Interest	118.5	123.2	-0.7	9.05
Gth Equity	229.6	252.8	+3.1	1.13
Guaranteed	304.4	315.4	+6.8	3.19
Income Tst	94.8	100.2		4.96
Int Tst	108.7	115.1⊕	+0.3	0.67
N American	122.3	129.5⊕	+1.5	1.20
Pacific	266.4	282.0⊕	+2.7	0.00
Prop Shares	353.5	374.6	+2.5	1.84
Smaller Co	279.0	295.5⊕	+4.1	1.82
European Tst	227.0	240.3	+3.3	1.26

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 642, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ Tel: 01-623 9333

Global Gth	37.4	39.6	+0.2	0.80
High Income	90.4	96.2⊕	+0.1	5.38
Nt Amer Tst	142.8	151.9	+0.7	0.00
Pacific Gth	42.3	45.0	-0.1	0.50
Recovery	308.2	327.9⊕	+1.6	2.40
St Vincent Inc	104.5	107.2	+0.6	5.74
St Vinc Uts Gth	50.8	53.0	-0.1	1.05
Temp B Sm Co	139.5	148.4	+0.7	0.00
TSUSF	139.5	150.7	..	2.84
Euro Gth Tst	41.7	44.4⊕	+0.3	0.80

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261018

Amer Eqty Inc	51.0	54.1⊕	-0.2	6.21
Canadian Tst	42.0	44.6	..	1.21
Equity Income	105.0	111.4	+0.7	5.48
European Tst	51.2	54.3	+0.2	3.19
High Income	81.2	86.2⊕	+0.2	5.91
Int Sts Tst	49.7	53.0	+0.4	0.79

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Aurora	Industrials A-D	
2	Menzies (John)	Drapery,Stores	
3	Guthrie	Industrials E-K	
4	Dewhirst (IJ)	Drapery,Stores	
5	Tomkins	Industrials S-Z	
6	GEC (aa)	Electricals	
7	Holmes Pro	Industrials E-K	
8	Telephone Rentals	Electricals	
9	T & S Stores	Drapery,Stores	
10	Avon Rubber	Industrials A-D	
11	Marley	Building,Roads	
12	Fitzwilton	Industrials E-K	
13	Tie Rack	Drapery,Stores	
14	Lon & Metro	Property	
15	Wolstenholme Rink	Chemicals,Plas	
16	De La Rue	Industrials A-D	
17	Triplex Lloyd	Industrials S-Z	
18	West & Country	Property	
19	Cussins	Property	
20	Coalite	Chemicals,Plas	
21	Goring Kerr	Industrials E-K	
22	Century	Oil,Gas	
23	Birmid Qualcast	Industrials A-D	
24	Cowan De Groot	Industrials A-D	
25	Banro	Industrials A-D	
26	Russell (A)	Industrials L-R	
27	Hazlewood Foods	Foods	
28	Cray Elect	Electricals	
29	Fosceco-Minsep	Chemicals,Plas	
30	Six Hundred	Industrials S-Z	
31	Powell Duffryn	Industrials L-R	
32	Sovereign	Oil,Gas	
33	Greycoat	Property	
34	Cowie (T)	Motors,Aircraft	
35	Bestwood	Industrials A-D	
36	Trafford Park	Property	
37	Church	Drapery,Stores	
38	Laing Prop	Property	
39	Clayform	Property	
40	Optical & Med	Industrials L-R	
41	Sound Diffusion	Electricals	
42	Speyhawk	Property	
43	Persimmon	Building,Roads	
44	Lon & Edin Tst	Property	

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. gross yld%	Red. yld%
100¾	100½	Treas C 9¾%	1988	100¾	..	9.72	8.056
98¾	98½	Trans 3%	1978-88	99¾	● ..	3.01	5.968
100⅞	95¾	Treas 9½%	1988	100⅞	● ..	9.43	8.202
102¼	96¾	Treas 11½%	1989	102¾	+⅛	11.2	8.426
102⅛	100	Treas 10½%	1989	102⅜	+⅛	10.2	8.566
101⅞	100¼	Exch 10%	1989	101⅜	+⅛	9.8	8.561
104¾	98¾	Exch 10¾%	1989	104⅝	●+⅛	8.8	7.512
103⅜	95¾	Exch 11%	1989	103⅝	+⅛	10.6	8.541
97½	93¾	Treas 5%	1986-89	97⅞	●+⅛	5.1	7.126
101⅛	95¾	Treas C 9⅞%	1989	101⅞	●+⅛	9.4	8.413
97	94¾	Treas 3%	1989	97	● ..	3.0	5.906

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
234	195	Allied Irish	220	230	-6	..	..	..
187	155	Anglo Leasing	175	182	-3	..	..	..
71	64	Ansbacher (Henry)	65	69	● ..	2.7	4.0	28.6
181	131	Ans New Z	167	171	-3	..	..	..
6⅛	3⅝	Bankamerica	5⅛		-⅛	..	..	..
234	195	Bank of Ireland	220	230	-6	.. b	..	..
17	15	Bank Leumi Israel	15	17	..	..	..	..
350	341½	Bank Leumi UK	340	360	● ..	17.0	4.9	11.2
575	513	Bank Of Scotland	510	515	-4	23.4	4.5	9.5
70	50	Bank Of Wales	45	55	-5	3.3	6.6	9.4
525	418	Barclays (aa)	423	427	●+1	31.9	7.5	16.5
39	25	Beneficial	28	29	●+1	2.2	7.9	12.3
435	400	Brown Shipley	390	410	..	14.0	3.5	15.0
68	47	Bus Mortgage	47	52	-1	1.4	2.8	10.8
380	340	Cater Allen	370	380	-3	27.6	7.4	12.9
71	54	Cattles	62	64	● ..	3.4	5.4	11.0
14⅛	11⅞	Chase Manhattan	13⅝		-⅛	..	..	..
12⅞	9⅞	Citicorp	10⅞		-⅛	..	..	..
200	165	Clive Disc	165	175	●+2	6.2	3.6	21.1
79⅞	65⅛	Commerzbank	72⅞		-⅝	..	..	..
148½	120⅛	Deutsche Bank	132⅞		-⅝	..	..	..
38	24	Equity & Gen	27	30	-1	1.6	5.5	11.3
265	225	First Nat Finance	233	240	-3	12.0	5.1	7.7
88	75	GPG	75	78	..	..	..	12.9
343	303	Gerrard Nat	335	340	-2	23.3	6.9	10.4
285	237	Hambros	265	272	-1	12.1	4.5	10.5
52	44	HK Shanghai	42	45	s -1	3.1b	7.5	..
443	420	Joseph (Leopold)	415	440	..	18.3	4.3	17.8
158	148	King & Shaxson	147	152	-1	12.0	8.0	15.1
394	321	Kleinwort Benson	375	380	●+8	19.2	5.1	9.2
293	237	Lloyds (aa)	273	277	●+2	18.1	6.6	4.7
57	45	Lon Scot Bk	44	47	-1	2.5	5.4	6.0
421	368	Midland (aa)	390	392	+1	27.5	7.0	5.1
296	234	Morgan Grenfell	240	247	..	14.9	6.1	10.3
220	157	Nat Aust Bk	205	306	-6	..	..	..
607	523	Nat West (aa)	530	532	●-1	32.9	6.2	8.3
210	160	Ottoman	1683	..	..	800.1	4.7	5.5
369	326	Provident	335	343	-2	21.9	6.5	9.5

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
397	322	Allied-Lyons (aa)	390	393	+3	18.2	4.1	11.6
857	746½	Bass (aa)	835	843	-1	26.8	3.2	12.9
50	42	Belhaven	45	47	-1	1.4	3.0	13.5
154	127	Boddington	126	128	●-3	5.4	4.3	12.9
207	173	Buckleys	170	175	-7	4.4	2.5	53.4
183	147	Bulmer (H P)	173	178	..	8.2	4.7	12.5
151	120	Burtonwood Brew	140	150	-4	4.0	2.8	23.4
395	332	Clark (Matthew)	373	383	+1	13.7	3.6	12.6
337	292	Devenish (JA)	320	325	-3	4.1	1.3	28.4
221	173	Greenall Whitley	208	212	-1	8.2	3.9	12.0
494	436	Greene King	432	440	-9	9.3	2.1	22.4
323	271	Guinness (aa)	298	302	●-5	12.6	4.2	9.7
697	653	Hardys & Hansons	697	707	+2	29.5	4.2	13.0
106	76	Highland Dist	97	100	..	3.5	3.5	15.5
215	167	Invergordon Distl	205	215	● ..	7.9	3.8	12.8
225	165	Irish Distl	207	217	..	..	..	..
121	110	Marston Thompson	115	118	-½	3.6	3.1	14.8
503	403	Morland	490	500	-3	10.8	2.2	19.6
358	275	SA Breweries	305	325	..	..	..	..
294	206	Scot & New (aa)	270	272	-3	11.3	4.2	15.1
542	468	Vaux Grp	524	542	..	19.5	3.6	16.4
318	277	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	303	307	+2	12.6	4.1	12.9
326	285	Do 'B'	315	335	..	12.6	3.9	13.7
320	274	Wolverhampton & D	297	305	-3	11.8	3.9	35.0
398	350	Wolverhampton & D	380	385	-3	8.0	2.1	16.3
385	345	Young 'A'	385	405	..	12.3	3.1	23.0

CINEMAS, TV

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
433	348	Anglia TV 'A'	394	403	●-5	19.9	5.0	22.2
568	447	Central TV	505	510	●-2	30.1	5.9	9.2
50	42	Grampian	42	45	..	3.2	7.3	5.7
263	213	HTV Group	210	220	●-4	14.1	6.6	8.3
180	122	LWT Hldgs	133	140	●-2	8.1	5.9	8.8
435	355	Scot TV	375	380	●-2	23.3	6.2	7.2
363	281	TVS	298	303	●+1	17.1	5.7	8.0
74	61	TSW	84	67	●-1	3.8	5.8	10.2
385	303	Thames TV	305	315	-5	17.0	5.5	9.3
173	139	TV-AM	131	135	-4	7.5	5.6	8.8
570	503	Tyne Tees TV	547	557	●-4	37.7	6.8	7.0
93	82	Ulster TV	68	75	-1	5.1	7.1	7.8
246	165	Yorkshire TV	193	198	● ..	11.0	5.6	7.8

ELECTRICALS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
448	340	AB Elect	425	440	●-10	18.5	4.3	18.2
116	87	Adwest Comp	113	116	+1	4.0	3.4	14.5
116	88	Alba	95	100	●-2	6.0b	6.1	..
280	217	Alphameric	277	287	●-1	3.8	1.3	17.1
173	113	Amstrad (aa)	159	158	●-1	1.2	0.8	9.2
114	93	Apricot Computers	97	102	-2	0.7	0.7	13.3
170	110	Arlen	125	135	-10	3.4b	2.6	11.7

HOTELS, CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
236	188	Friendly Hotels	227	234	-1	2.5	1.1	16.5
505	430	Grand Met (aa)	483	485	●-1	16.4	3.4	13.6
413	234	Kennedy Brookes	407	415	● ..	3.6	0.9	13.8
421	322	Ladbroke (aa)	405	408	-2	19.0	4.7	13.9
31½	24	Norfolk Cap Gp	27	28	●-½	0.6	2.2	21.2
130	108	Mount Charlotte	122	127	-2	2.8	2.1	15.6
106	84	Queens Moat	97	99	● ..	2.6	2.7	18.6
910	730	Savoy Hotels 'A'	895	910	..	6.3	0.8	27.4
116	81	Stakis	110	112	● ..	2.3	2.1	18.8
250	211	Trusthouse Ft (aa)	233	236	●-1	9.7	4.1	16.3

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
275	227	Abbey Life (aa)	258	262	-3	14.0	5.4	..
13⅛	9⅞	Alex & Alex	11⅛	11⅝	●-⅛	.. b	..	..
469½	350	Allianz Vers	432½	..	-8½	..	..	..
19⅛	16⅝	Am Gen	16⅝	..	-1	..	..	..
245	208	Bradstock	215	225	..	8.9	3.1	22.4
10⅛	843	Britannic	10	10⅛	● ..	57.5	5.6	..
398	297½	Com Union (aa)	332	335	●-1	21.9	6.6	12.7
203	153	FAI	174	184	-10	..	..	..
939	788	Gen Accident (aa)	915	925	+4	48.0	5.2	23.1
949	825	GRE (aa)	880	885	●-8	56.2	6.4	25.8
426	362	Heath C E	368	376	●-3	34.5	9.3	10.2
130	115	Hibernian	115	125	●+5	..	..	..
159	134	Hogg Rob & GM	128	135	-2	5.5	3.9	85.9
296	250	Legal & Gen (aa)	265	270	●+1	15.8	5.9	34.1
167	145	Lloyd Thompson	157	167	●+1	2.3	1.4	..
387	237	London & Man	255	260	●-8	11.9	4.5	37.2
210	183	Lon Utd Inv	203	210	+3	11.5	5.6	18.3
30	25	Marsh & McLen	28⅛	28⅝	-1⅛	..	..	..
480	447	Minet	470	480	..	14.5	3.1	17.6
230	168	PWS	175	180	+3	14.4	8.1	7.4
479	410	Pearl (aa)	430	437	+1	17.1	3.9	31.0
884	785	Prudential (aa)	785	788	●-8	46.6	5.9	52.1
488	415	Refuge	415	425	●-3	24.7	5.9	22.4
438	322	Royal (aa)	415	422	●-8	26.4	6.3	34.3
237	199	Sedgwick (aa)	210	217	●-4	16.4	7.7	13.9
182	150	Steel Burrill	155	165	●+2	13.7	8.6	8.9
433	254	Stenge Hldgs	327	333	s ..	9.3	2.8	21.0
958	788	Sun Alliance (aa)	830	837	-1	42.5	4.6	84.1
10⅝	935	Sun Life	10⅛	10⅜	● ..	46.1	4.5	..
395	355	Trade Indemnity	380	400	● ..	7.7	1.9	14.4
247	202	Willis Faber (aa)	218	222	-3	15.7	7.1	11.5
75	52	Windsor Securities	55	60	..	1.4	2.4	36.7

Investment Trusts appear on Page 28

LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
265	175	Barr & WA 'A'	242	252	-1	15.1	6.1	9.1
237	185	Boosey & Hawkes	230	240	-2	.. e	..	35.2
381	267	Brent Walker	352	357	-4	11.0	3.1	17.3
307	201	Campari	268	275	●-5	8.9	3.3	7.7
193	161	Capital Radio	179	182	-1	8.2	4.5	11.0
205	165	Castle Comm	200	210	●+2	9.6	4.7	14.5
146	115	Chrysalis	122	127	..	9.8	7.7	11.9
185	125	First Leisure	147	150	-1	3.2	2.1	..
182	120	Horizon Travel	140	160	..	..	..	21.3
55	48	Juliana's Hldgs	53	58	..	..	..	10.6
320	182	LandLeis	315	319	● ..	2.9	5.3	..
91	68	Leisure Inv	74	78	-1	3.4	1.1	..
218	174	Mecca Leisure	199	202	-1	2.2	2.9	27.0
355	99½	Medminster	100	105	s ..	5.0	2.5	16.4
383	315	Midsummer	350	355	-1	11.6	11.3	4.5
96	76	Owners Abroad	85	87	●-1	5.5	1.6	23.6
192	166	Pleasurama	177	180	-2	2.9	3.6	12.4
163	133	Quadrant Group	177	187	-1	14.0	6.1	10.8
610	510	Really Useful	582	582	●-6	3.8	2.0	20.1
184	169	Saga Holidays	176	179	●-2	18.7	3.4	17.5
265	195	Stanley Leisure	210	220	●-3	6.3	3.5	26.4
128	103	Tottenham Hotspur	115	120	●-3	5.1	2.4	19.5
133	169	Virgin	115	117	-3	8.9	5.8	21.4
135	77	Wembley	123	128	+3	3.6	3.1	12.6
98	89½	Zetters Gp	53	58	..	1.5	1.2	..
128	106	Zeuss-Lois	103	108	-2	7.5	7.8	4.8
						2.1	2.8	19.3

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
183	147	Accord	142	152	-5	4.7	3.2	14.6
115	85	Arlscene	105	110	-3	5.5b	5.1	..
484	435	Assoc Newspaper	452	455	..	9.9	2.2	15.2
310	270	Barbour Index	284	288	-2	6.2	2.2	20.7
405	387	Black (A&C)	385	395	● ..	16.4	4.2	12.8
238	215	Bristol	210	220	●-5	11.0	5.1	18.5
33½	25	Chartsearch	29	32½	●-2	0.8	2.8	..
628	565	Collins (Wm)	560	570	●-5	16.1	2.8	13.8
530	435	Do 'A'	470	480	●-5	16.1	3.4	11.6
203	179	EMAP	184	187	-2	4.4	2.4	21.1
448	333	Haynes Publishing	430	455	● ..	21.9	4.9	19.3
317	250	Home Counties	310	315	●+3	10.3	3.3	9.3
126	98	Ind Bus Comms	117	120	..	4.5	3.8	16.8
405	333	Independent	395	415	..	..	..	..
605	301	Int. Thomson	580	610	..	..	..	..
270	228	Maxwell Comm (aa)	237	241	-3	19.2	8.0	9.0
295	240	News International	282	288	●-1	4.8	1.8	..
276	263	Portsmouth Sund	265	265	●-3	6.2	2.4	22.4
452	377	Reed Int (aa)	384	387	●-4	12.7	3.3	14.7
753	635	Trinity Intl	720	735	●-12	34.3	4.7	11.6
455	472	Utd Newspapers (aa)	429	432	-3	26.0	6.0	11.9

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
518	336	AC	350	425	● ..	16.4	4.2	16.2
405	313	Appleyard	380	397	● ..	4.8	3.6	9.1
160	125	Armstrong	132	134	●-2	6.1	1.0	10.2
615	600	Britnell (CD)	558	658	..	25.6	6.3	23.6
420	324	Br Aerospace (aa)	486	410	●+8	11.6	2.5	8.9
473	405	Caffyns	445	470	+2	3.6	3.0	29.0
128	96	Cowie (T)	118	122	+3	8.8	4.6	9.8
201	166	Dowty	191	194	●+1	2.7	1.0	11.2
297	195	ERF	275	285	-3	5.6	2.1	48.9
289	271	FR Group	270	275	-2	..	..	15.4

OILS, GAS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
195	182	Acid Oil	193	197	+9	..	..	..
148	121	Ampol	142	150	+2	..	..	..
81	64	Aran Energy	74	76	+2	..	..	..
12	8	Atlantic Resources	8	9½	..	..	..	..
33	23	Aust Oil & Gas	31	..	-2	..	..	..
10½	6	BCM	5½	7	-½	..	..	..
9½	5	Do 'Zbs'	4½	6	..	..	..	..
500	480	Br Borneo	485	505	..	30.5	6.4	14.0
186	171	British Gas (aa)	175	176	-2	..	..	..
288	243	Br Petroleum (aa)	270	273	-3	17.1	6.3	10.8
534	437	Bristol (aa)	510	515	-6	11.0	2.1	18.2
81	56	Brysam	64	68	-3	..	..	..
542	430	Burmah (aa)	537	540	+9	22.6	4.2	13.0
590	374	Calor Gp	373	377	-8	15.1	4.0	12.8
120½	93½	Carless Capel	104	106	+4	3.8	3.6	..
195	50	Century	175	182	+1	8.1	4.5	10.7
32	21	Charterhall	25	27	r +1	..	..	58.1
144½	102	Clyde	144	145	+17	..	..	51.5
65	40	Concorde Energy	82	65	..	..	..	..
375	258	Enterprise (aa)	382	387	●+2	13.0	3.5	20.7
105	78	Gaal Pet	101	103	●+11	1.4	1.4	38.5
135	106	Gt Western Res	105	110	● ..	4.6	4.3	..
15⅛	11⅝	Hamilton	14⅜	..	●-⅛	..	..	..

OVERSEAS TRADERS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
53	33	Boustead	49	51	..	0.7	1.4	22.8
147	138	Chillington	135	140	-2	9.7	7.0	20.4
160	83	Finlay (James)	81	85	-1	5.7	6.9	..
590	548	Harrisons Crosfield	583	590	-4	32.9	5.6	21.2
727	620	Inchcape (aa)	680	680	-11	30.6	4.5	16.4
272	228	Lonrho (aa)	238	247	●-7	17.8	7.4	9.6
71	47	Ocean Wilson	55	60	-2	3.4	5.9	9.9
392	305	Paterson Zoch	307	317	●-5	9.9	3.2	9.7
392	305	Do 'A'	307	317	●-5	9.9	3.2	9.7
381	230	Polly Peck	282	285	●-5	10.8	3.8	6.8
86	52	Sallie Darby	60	65	●-3	..	..	..
108	71	Tozer Kemsley	102	105	●-1	2.9	2.8	8.5

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
542	438	Assoc Br Ports	589	517	●-3	10.3	2.0	17.3
348	320	Caledonia	335	342	..	9.6	2.8	47.9
180	135	Clarkson (H)	175	180	..	6.5	3.7	19.7
138	71	Fisher (James)	117	122	●-1	4.9	4.1	17.9
740	585	Graig	715	765	..	20.6	2.8	17.6
86	69	Jacobs (JI)	84	87	● ..	5.8	6.7	17.4
338	260	Mersey Docks	266	270	-3	..	..	27.5
301	243	Ocean Transport	258	265	●-2	14.2	5.4	10.9
620	498	P & O Dfd (aa)	581	587	●-4	30.1	5.2	12.4
147	116	P & O 5.5%	118	125	-1	7.5	6.1	..
273	208	Runciman (Walter)	223	228	..	8.9b	3.9	13.0
338	313	Tiphook	310	325	+5	6.2	1.9	15.8
675	475	Turnbull Scott	650	700	..	15.1	2.2	94.5

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
100	85	Headlam Sims	72	82	-3	0.7e	0.9	..
273	193	Lambert Howarth	190	200	● ..	11.6	5.9	7.1
316	198	Pittard Garnar	195	200	●-4	8.1	4.1	10.1
268	208	Strong & Fisher	222	227	●-3	14.7	6.5	8.1
380	233	Style	270	285	-2	6.9	2.5	49.0

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
380	300	Allied Text	340	350	●-5	12.6	3.7	16.5
278	225	Beale (John)	225	235	●-2	7.7	3.3	7.4
118	105	Beckman (A)	112	117	●-2	7.9	6.9	11.4
63	33	Bolton	40	45	-5	..	..	29.9
208	160	Br Mohair	193	198	●-3	10.3	5.3	8.3
88	55	Coats	55	59	-1	2.2	3.9	16.2
365	298	Courtaulds (aa)	355	359	+2½	13.5	3.8	9.3
115	98	Courtaulds	97	102	+2	4.5	4.5	..
189	104	Crowther (J)	183	185	+3½	6.0	3.3	10.3
231	187	Dawson	200	203	+7	9.9	4.9	10.1
130	100	Drummond	100	105	-3	3.7	3.6	8.0
150	110	Foster (John)	119	123	-2	5.5	4.5	39.2
205	163	Gaskell Broadloom	168	178	..	9.0	5.2	8.5
71	51	Hacking Pentecost	58	62	-3	..	..	36.1
182	125	Illingworth	148	158	-12	5.8	3.8	12.7
238	165	Jerome (S)	210	213	●-8	8.9	4.1	8.8
288	238	Lamont	270	275	-7	9.6	3.5	8.8
505	295	Leeds	365	375	-5	8.6	2.3	13.0
144	111	Lister	113	118	-4	4.8	4.1	6.6
80	68	Lyles (S)	65	70	-3	4.3	6.3	15.9
320	240	Mackay (Hugh)	280	300	●-5	9.6	3.3	13.2
53	41	Munton	41	46	r -1	..	..	..
195	163	Parkland 'A'	167	172	-1	7.1	4.2	12.3
78	62	Readicut	68	70	..	3.2	4.6	11.5
168	130	SEET	140	150	●-10	7.3	5.0	11.8
132	120	Sekers	167	170	-3	3.8	2.2	12.5
120	97	Seder	97	100	●-2	7.1	7.2	14.1
130	90	Smallshaw (R)	105	115	-5	3.8	3.5	10.1
75	59	Stoddard	68	72	-3	3.1b	4.4	8.4
212	169	Textured Jersey	168	175	●-4	8.6	5.0	14.4
510	412	Tomkinsons	470	490	-12	9.6	2.0	13.0
127	93	Tootal	102	103	r +1½	6.2	6.0	9.0
50	34	West Trust	34	41	..	3.4e	8.9	12.8
240	195	Yorklyde	203	213	-4	10.3	5.0	8.5

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
480	409	BAT (aa)	418	422	●-5	23.2	5.5	8.0
138	128	Carroll	125	140	..	..	..	..
436	365	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	396	402	-7	11.2	2.8	11.0

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

FAMILY MONEY BRIEFING

The split-level way to deliver high income

■ Exeter Fund Managers, a new group led by Ian Henderson, head of investment management at life assurance groups London and Manchester and Scottish Equitable, has discovered split-level investment trusts as a way of delivering high income with moderate risk. It plans to put at least 80 per cent of money in its Exeter High Income Trust into split-level investment trusts to produce a yield of 9 per cent gross.

Split-level investment trusts allow shareholders the option of investing for income or capital growth. Those who opt for income get the benefit of income from all shares in the portfolio.

The minimum initial investment in ExHIT is £2,000. The initial offer price is 50p but there is a one percentage point discount for investments before April 29.

Details are available from Exeter Fund Managers, 23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HD (0392 412144).



A group of pupils from Perth Academy, who turned a notional £50,000 into £72,124 despite the crash, have won this year's Stockpiler investment competition, sponsored by Save & Prosper. Their theoretical investments rose by 50 per cent during a period when the FT All-Share Index fell by 28 per cent.

The syndicate of four boys and a girl reports that its best-performing shares were those of property developer Jacksons Bourne, builder Tyson's Contractors and flour miller Carr's Milling.

The pupils get a prize of £50 cash and an all-expenses paid trip to the City each, and there is a £1,000 prize for their school.

Winners in the picture, from left: Duncan Penman, Graham McInroy, Rachel Hill, Andrew Roberts, Douglas Gourlay and their supervising teacher Martin Nicol.

Over-the-top pledge

■ **With interest rates looking decidedly soggy, this may be the time to look for deals guaranteeing a premium over a building society's normal rate. The Stroud and Swindown is introducing a One-Year Capital Bond, paying 7.85 per cent on a minimum investment of £500 and promising to remain 3.5 percentage points above the society's ordinary share rate.**

You can withdraw money during the 12-month term but there will be 90 days' loss of interest. Note that this is a limited issue.

The Woolwich, meanwhile, has started a savings account with tiered rates of interest. Five rates are available, ranging from 4 per cent for deposits up to £499 to 7.5 per cent on £20,000 or more. There are no penalties for withdrawals if the balance remains above £10,000 – otherwise there is 90 days' notice or loss of interest.

End of a note

■ *The radical long-life plastic £1 note* issued by the Manx Government is being withdrawn after less than five years. The old purple paper notes are to be issued again in May. The plastic money was only "a moderate success", says the Manx Government. The ink began rubbing off the notes, but that may be because they lasted so much longer than paper money. However, the plastic money will be honoured "indefinitely".

The company that printed the notes on a type of plastic called Tyvek was sold to Thomas de la Rue and the owners withdrew technical support. The search for an alternative type of plastic for notes was unsuccessful.

Manx people will have both £1 coins and £1 notes. They are being urged by their Government to use Manx rather than mainland money. They are being told: "Every UK coin or note circulating in the island represents a free loan to the UK Government. In order to maintain the Manx Government's income it is important, therefore, to choose Manx for preference, whether it be notes or coins."



Spreading out

■ **The Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society is extending the share-dealing service it has been running experimentally since February to all its 175 branches. The service, which is "execution only", offers no advice on whether to buy or sell. It trades in the top 600 companies quoted on the London Stock Exchange. The dealing facilities are provided by Barclays de Zoete Wedd.**

The minimum commission is £18. For deals between £2,001 and £10,000 commission is 1 per cent, and above £10,000 there is a flat rate of £100, regardless of the size of bargain.

C&G intends soon to add a simple service for buying and selling unit trusts.

Sign of independence

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVISER

■ *Expect a rash of these symbols in blue up and down the high streets and on television advertisements. This is the sign denoting an independent financial adviser.* A group of 14 insurance companies that exclusively use independent advisers to sell their wares are spending £7 million to persuade the public that they will get better advice from an independent agent than from a salesman tied to one company.

The Campaign for Independent Financial Advice (CAMIFA) will send out lists of the 10 nearest independent advisers and an explanatory booklet to callers who dial 01-200 3000 after April 29, the day by which financial advisers must be registered.

Tuesday for Gas

■ **If you have not paid the third instalment on your British Gas shares, do not delay. The deadline for making the final payment of 40p per share is next Tuesday, April 19, at 3pm. Late payers risk losing their shares.**

Money should be sent to the address shown on the payment reminder notice. If you have not received one, telephone the special British Gas inquiry line, 0272 373 373.

INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Nominal rate	Compounded return at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c	2.00	2.02	1.66	1 min	0-7 day	—
Girobank	2.00	2.02	1.66	1 min	7 day	01-600 6020
Fixed Term Deposits:						
National Westminster	5.38	5.38	4.30	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-726 1000
" " "	6.75	6.75	4.60	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-726 1000
Midland	4.99	4.99	3.99	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-260 8000
" " "	5.28	5.28	4.22	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-260 8000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary A/c	4.00	4.04	3.23	1 min	—	—
Britannia[1]	6.15	6.15	4.92	250 min	—	—
Northern Rock[1]	6.30	6.30	5.04	500 min	—	—
Cheltenham & Glouc[1]	6.50	6.50	5.20	5,000 min	—	—
Britannia & North Rock[1]	6.75	6.75	5.40	10,000 min	—	—
Northern Rock[1]	7.05	7.05	5.64	20,000 min	—	—
Nationwide Non-Resid[1]	8.75	8.75	7.00	1 min	—	—
MONEY FUNDS						
Aitken Hume Monthly Inc	5.56	5.72	4.58	1,000 min	—	01-638 6070
Allied Arab HICA	6.62	6.82	5.46	3,000 min	—	01-629 6802
Bank Of Scotland	5.37	7.31	5.85	2,500 min	—	01-626 8060
Barclays High Rate Dep	5.50	5.61	4.49	1,000 min	—	01-626 1567
" " "	5.75	5.87	4.70	10,000 min	—	01-626 1567
Britannia High Interest	5.66	5.81	4.65	2,500 min	—	01-588 2777
Citibank Money Mkt Plus‡	5.50	5.64	4.51	2,000 min	—	01-741 4941
HFC Trust & Savings	6.75	6.98	5.40	5,000 min	—	01-236 8391
Henderson Cheque A/c	5.37	7.31	5.85	2,500 min	—	01-638 5757
L & G High Int Deposit	6.00	6.09	4.87	1,000 min	1 mth	01-388 3211
Lloyds Investment A/c‡[4]	6.00	6.00	4.93	5,000 min	3 mth	01-407 1000
Lloyds HICA‡	4.60	4.70	3.86	1,000 min	—	01-407 1000
M&G HICA	5.47	5.60	5.48	2,500 min	—	01-626 4588
Midland HICA	5.20	5.30	4.24	2,000 min	—	0742 52800
" "	5.50	5.61	4.49	10,000 min	—	0742 52800
Nat West Special Reserve	5.38	5.48	4.30	2,000 min	—	01-726 1000
" " "	5.50	5.61	4.49	10,000 min	—	01-726 1000
Oppenheimer Money Mngmt	5.66	5.80	4.64	1,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
" " "	5.76	5.88	4.70	10,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
Phillips & Drew HICA	5.85	5.98	4.78	2,500 min	—	01-628 9771
Provincial Trust Chq A/c	6.52	6.70	5.36	1,000 min	—	061-9289011
Royal Bk Of Scot Prem A/c	5.56	5.68	4.54	2,500 min	—	031-5570201
S & P Classic	5.36	5.52	4.42	500 min	—	0708 766966
Schroder Wagg	5.70	5.91	4.73	2,500 min	—	0705 827733
Tyndall Call	5.74	5.86	4.69	2,500 min	—	0272 732241
Tyndall 7-day	5.87	6.00	4.80	2,500 min	—	0272 732241
UDT 7-day	6.14	6.28	5.02	5,000 min	7 day	01-626 4661
Western Trust	5.75	5.91	4.73	2,500 min	1 mth	0752 261161
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c[2]	5.00	3.75	2.25	1-10,000	8 day	041-6494555
Investment A/c*	8.50	6.38	3.38	5-100,000	1 mth	041-6494555
Income Bond*	10.50	7.88	4.73	2,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*	10.50	7.88	4.73	100-100,000	3 mth	041-6494555
33rd Issue Cert[3]†	7.00	7.00	7.00	25-1,000	8 day	091-3864900
Yearly Plan†	7.00	7.00	7.00	20-200/mth	14 day	091-3864900
General Extension Rate†	5.76	5.76	5.76			
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
General Portfolio	7.50	7.50	6.00	1,000 min	1 yr	0992 31971
General Portfolio	7.50	7.50	6.00	1,000 min	2 yrs	0992 31971
General Portfolio	7.50	7.50	6.00	1,000 min	3 yrs	0992 31971
General Portfolio	7.50	7.50	6.00	1,000 min	4 yrs	0992 31971
Financial Assurance	8.25	8.25	6.60	2,000 min	5 yrs	01-367 6000
FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS						
Sterling	7.63	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
US Dollar	5.80	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
Yen	3.21	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
D Mark	2.33	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
French Franc	6.86	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
Swiss Franc	0.61	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741

*Interest taxable, paid gross † Tax free ‡ Higher returns for larger balances [1] Societies chose based on high street presence, higher rates can sometimes be obtained from smaller societies - contact Chase de Vere Moneyline 01-404 5766 [2] 2.5 per cent for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less [3] Additional holdings up to £5,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates [4] Charge for instant access

● **Last week's fall in bank base rates to 8 per cent has now fed through to bank deposit rates. They are down a matching half percentage point, and now stand at around just 2 per cent. Building society savings rates have not yet fallen, although mortgage rates are coming down. They now vary between 10.5 per cent for those societies that have not yet moved their rates or where there is a higher risk element such as a 100 per cent mortgage, to 9.4 per cent.**

The Retail Price Index is up from 103.7 to 104.1, showing an inflationary trend.

KEY RATES

Retail Prices Index (Mar '87 to Mar '88)
+4.1%

Mortgage rate*
9.5%-10.5%

Bank base rate
8%

Bank prime overdraft rate*
11-15.5% APR

Personal loan rate*
19% APR



Credit card rate*
23.1% APR

Hire purchase rate*[1]
26% APR

Bank deposit account
2%

Building society ordinary account
4%

High-interest cheque account*
5.75%

Holiday exchange rates*

Spanish peseta	201.70
French franc	10.32
Greek drachma	237.60
Italian lira	2252.80

* Typical rates
[1] £1,000 over 12 months
APR = annual percentage rate

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	8.00%
Adam & Company	8.00%
BCCI	8.00%
Consolidated Crds	8.00%
Co-operative Bank	8.00%
C. Hoare & Co	8.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	8.00%
Lloyds Bank	8.00%
Nat Westminster	8.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	8.00%
TSB	8.00%
Citibank NA	8.00%

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	11.64	12.26	+0.01	..
Bear	12.11	12.75	+0.17	..
Owl	14.79	15.57	+0.38	..
Bull	13.21	13.91	+0.24	..
Stag	13.55	14.27	+0.19	..
Gilt Edged		12.16	+0.01	..
Deposit		10.72	+0.01	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	13.10	13.79	+0.02	..
Bear	14.03	14.77	+0.21	..
Owl	17.92	18.87	+0.47	..
Bull	15.74	16.57	+0.33	..
Stag	15.82	16.66	+0.24	..
Gilt Edged		13.12	+0.07	..
Deposit		11.8	..	..
Exempt App Mixed	174.3	177.9	+3.47	..
ABBEY LIFE 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fund Inc	226.6	238.6	+0.3	..
Do Accum	328.2	345.5	+0.4	..
Equity Fund Income	116.7	122.9	-3.5	..
Do Accum	129.1	135.9	-3.9	..
Selective Fund	276.1	290.7	+4.7	..
Money Fund	239.4	252.0	+0.3	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	260.8	274.6	+0.2	..
Equity Ser 4	132.3	139.3	+2.9	..
Man Ser 4	365.4	384.7	+6.6	..
Conv Ser 4	214.1	225.4	+0.3	..
Money Ser 4	213.8	225.1	+0.2	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	213.9	225.3	+0.5	..
American Ser 4	248.2	261.3	+6.9	..
High Inc Ser 4	362.6	381.7	+9.2	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	120.4	126.8	+1.6	..
Japan Ser 4	282.8	297.7	+6.6	..
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	852.4	897.2	+17.8	..
European Fd Accum	186.4	196.2	+4.2	..
Fixed Int Acc	342.0	360.0	+1.4	..
Gtd Money Fd Acc	218.4	229.8	+0.2	..
Intl Man Fd Acc	347.4	365.6	+5.6	..
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	198.4	208.8	+0.8	..
Japan Fund	298.2	313.9	+2.9	..
Nth American Fd Acc	151.7	159.6	+1.2	..
Prop Fd Acc	249.2	262.3	+0.2	..
Multiple Inv Acc	590.4	621.4	+9.3	..
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Allied Dunbar Assurance Swindon SN1 1EL 0793-28291				
Fixed Int Dep Accum	242.4	255.2	+0.2	..
Equity Accum	725.6	763.8	+18.1	..
Property Accum	408.8	430.4	+0.2	..
Far East Accum	173.9	183.1	+4.6	..
Managed Capital	336.0	353.7	+6.8	..
Do Accum	573.8	604.1	+11.6	..
Overseas Accum	471.8	496.7	+13.2	..
Gilt Edged Accum	307.2	323.4	+1.6	..
Amer Equity Accum	355.2	373.9	+5.3	..
Amer Man Accum	168.4	177.3	+2.5	..
Amer Prop Accum	124.9	131.5	+1.0	..
BALTIC ASSURANCE 25-26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD 01-493 9899				
Managed Growth	286.8	301.9	+4.40	..
Managed Income	129.0	135.8	+0.57	..
International	172.1	181.1	+1.78	..
High Income	194.8	205.1	+0.35	..
Income & Growth	249.1	262.2	+1.43	..
Basic Resource	105.6	111.1	-2.28	..
American	148.2	156.0	+5.23	..
Japan & General	443.3	466.7	+11.07	..
Special Situations	226.9	238.9	+3.54	..
BARCLAYS LIFE 252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB 01-534 5544				
Equity Accum	527.5	555.3	+13.0	..
Do Initial	440.2	463.4	+10.9	..
Gilt Edged Accum	236.0	248.5	+0.6	..
Do Initial	198.8	209.3	+0.5	..
International Accum	265.9	279.9	+6.1	..
Do Initial	222.3	234.1	+5.1	..
Managed Accum	344.7	362.9	+6.2	..
Do Initial	288.8	304.1	+5.2	..
Money Accum	189.6	199.6	..	..
Do Initial	153.9	162.1	..	..
Property Accum	241.2	253.9	..	..
Do Initial	200.2	210.8	..	..
America Accum	152.0	160.0	+4.5	..
Do Initial	129.2	136.1	+3.7	..
Australia Accum	137.5	144.8	+8.6	..
Do Initial	117.3	123.5	+7.4	..
Financial Accum	239.2	251.8	+5.3	..
Do Initial	203.5	214.3	+4.6	..
500 Accum	281.7	296.6	+6.5	..
Do Initial	236.3	248.8	+5.5	..
Japan &Gen Acc 2	411.1	432.8	+9.8	..
Do Initial 2	342.8	360.9	+8.2	..
Income Accum	294.8	310.4	+7.0	..
Do Initial	249.7	262.9	+6.0	..
Leisure Accum	192.1	202.3	+6.3	..
Special Sits Accum	148.1	155.9	+4.6	..
Univ Tech Accum	102.6	108.0	+2.9	..
Do Initial	89.3	94.0	+2.5	..
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House Chatham 8 Kent ME4 4JF 0634 405161				
The Managed Fund	421.78		+0.91	..
Income Fund	423.0	445.2	+1.42	..
Extra Income Fund	393.6	414.3	+0.38	..
Worldwide Grwth Fd	301.4	317.2	+5.19	..
Balanced Fund	353.2	371.8	+3.60	..
Smlr Co's & Rc Fd	529.2	557.1	-2.37	..
Int Technology Fund	298.2	313.9	+4.52	..
N Amer & Gen Fund	207.5	218.4	+5.77	..
Energy Int Fund	114.7	120.8	+2.21	..
Pacific Basin Fund	269.5	283.7	+3.97	..
German Growth Fd	93.16	98.07	+0.96	..
Japan Growth Fd	173.0	182.2	+1.57	..
The UK Gth Fd	123.1	129.6	+0.57	..
Cont'l Euro Gth	68.23	69.72	-0.01	..
Property Fund	207.5	218.5	+0.18	..
Fixed Interest Fund	212.2	223.4	-0.32	..
Cash Fund	185.4	195.2	+0.15	..
Managed Inv Fund	267.4	281.5	+0.56	..
Nth Amer Recov	113.0	118.9	+1.09	..
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts P Bar 51122				
Equity Growth	154.3		..	..
Managed	193.0	202.2	+2.9	..
Property	143.2	150.8	+1.5	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	153.6	161.7	+0.6	..
Index-Linked	123.5	130.1	+2.4	..
Equity	213.5	224.8	+4.3	..
Cash	148.3	153.2	-1.4	..
Midland Bk UT	209.6	220.7	+3.8	..
Midland Bk Int	209.6	220.7	+5.1	..
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Equity Units	£74.86		+2.32	..
Property Units	£25.85		..	..
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£37.63	39.82	+0.83	..
2nd Equity Accum	369.3	390.8	+10.3	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	352.9	373.4	+11.2	..
2nd Property Accum	251.5	266.1	..	..
2nd Managed 2 Acc	120.1	127.1	+1.2	..
2nd Managed Acc	268.5	284.1	+5.7	..
2nd Managed 4 Acc	115.6	122.3	+3.6	..
2nd Deposit Accum	188.6	199.6	+0.3	..
2nd Gilt Accum	204.2	216.1	+0.8	..
2nd Amer Accum	220.3	233.1	+7.1	..
2nd Intl Money Ac	190.1	201.2	+0.7	..
2nd Index Accum	116.8	123.4	+1.7	..
2nd Far East Accum	234.4	248.0	+8.1	..
2nd Global Accum	84.8	89.7	+2.5	..
2nd Euro Accum	77.4	81.9	+2.8	..
2nd Japan Accum	155.0	164.0	+2.8	..
2nd Heritage Acc	92.4	97.8	..	..
2nd Intl Curr Bond	90.1	95.3	+0.2	..
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd, Cntl Milton Keynes MK9 2LA 0908-606101				
Property Fund	154.4	162.6	..	..
Money Fund	246.9	259.9	+0.2	..
Managed Fund	439.7	462.9	+3.7	..
Equity Fund	318.7	335.5	+4.6	..
Fixed Interest Fund	164.8	173.5	+1.0	..
Far East Fund	238.0	250.6	+0.1	..
Nth Amer Fund	117.2	123.4	-1.8	..
Nat Resources Fund	179.7	188.2	+3.1	..
Alexandra Fund	106.7	112.4	..	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Mixed	149.0	157.0	-0.3	..
Equity	186.2	196.0	-0.8	..
Property	145.2	152.9	+0.4	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	127.9	134.7	-0.1	..
Indexed Secs	101.2	106.6	+0.5	..
Cash	119.4	125.7	+0.1	..
Nth American	93.4	98.4	-1.9	..
Far East	148.6	156.5	+1.4	..
International	114.1	120.2	-0.4	..
Special Sits	152.4	160.5	-0.6	..
Intl Income	158.1	166.5	-1.1	..
European	134.5	141.6	-0.1	..
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	146.6	154.4	+0.2	..
Equity	167.2	176.0	+0.2	..
Property	135.1	142.3	+0.6	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	144.8	152.5	+0.3	..
Index Linked	107.1	112.8	+0.5	..
Cash	132.8	139.8	+0.1	..
Nth American	100.7	106.1	-2.1	..
Far East Acc	196.0	206.4	+2.3	..
International Acc	131.7	138.7	..	..
Special Sits	217.9	229.4	-1.0	..
European Flex	162.7	171.3	+0.1	..
Cash	119.4	125.7	+0.1	..
Nth American	93.4	98.4	-1.9	..
Far East	148.6	156.5	+1.4	..
International	114.1	120.2	-0.4	..
Special Sits	152.4	160.5	-0.6	..
Intl Income	158.1	166.5	-1.1	..
American Inc	93.05	97.96	-1.60	..
European	134.5	141.6	-0.1	..
COLONIAL MUTUAL 24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD 01-248 9861				
CML U Ass Key	168.96		+0.72	..
CML U Ass.Pacemkr	209.79		-0.36	..
CML U Ass Cash	136.6	142.8	..	..
CML U Ass Equity	306.4	322.5	..	..
CML U Ass FI	210.5	221.6	..	..
CML U Ass Mngd	236.1	248.5	..	..
CML U Ass Prop	306.5	322.6	..	..
CML(Pen) Cash Cap	135.6	142.7	..	..
CML(Pen) Cash Inv	157.1	165.4	..	..
CML(Pen) Eqty Cap	645.0	679.0	..	..
CML(Pen) Eqty Inv	747.7	787.1	..	..
CML(Pen) Fxd Cap	235.2	247.6	..	..
CML(Pen) Fxd Inv	272.7	287.0	..	..
CML(Pen) Indx Cap	136.2	143.4	..	..
CML(Pen) Indx Inv	157.9	166.3	..	..
CML(Pen) Man Cap	324.6	341.9	..	..
CML(Pen) Man Inv	376.6	396.4	..	..
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3 01-283 7500				
Var Ann Accum (5)	300.25		..	..
Var Ann (5)	59.65		..	..
Prime- Managed	247.7	260.8	+4.5	..
Prime- UK Equity	295.9	311.5	+7.3	..
Prime- Int Equity	183.6	193.3	+3.4	..
Prime- Property	144.4	152.1	+0.2	..
Prime- Fixed Interest	181.0	189.5	+0.7	..
Prime- Index-Linked	106.5	112.2	+1.7	..
Prime- Cash	131.2	138.2	+0.1	..
CONFEDERATION LIFE 50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE 01-242 0282				
Managed Fund	676.8	712.4	..	..
Equity Fund	957.9	1008.3	..	..
PIP Fund	£29.212		..	..
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
Life Managed Acc	340.5	358.4	+8.4	..
Life Fixed Int Accum	255.9	269.3	+0.7	..
Life Equity Accum	419.8	441.8	+11.2	..
Life Money Accum	192.6	202.7	+0.2	..
Life Inv Trust Accum	416.0	437.8	+9.1	..
Life Intl Accum	316.4	333.0	+13.7	..
Life High Inc Accum	446.5	470.0	+13.7	..
Life Property Accum	202.3	212.9	+0.1	..
Crown Bnt Inv A	624.3	676.3	..	..
Brown Equity	617.4	649.8	-13.8	..
DBS Managed	207.6	218.5	-8.6	..
Growth Accum	245.4	250.3	+4.5	..
CRUSADER INSURANCE Reigate Surrey RH2 8BL 07372 42424				
Measured perf	92.5	97.9	+1.4	..
Performance Plus	87.5	92.6	+1.6	..
With Profit Part	105.5	111.6	..	..
UK Opportunity	117.0	123.8	+2.4	..
Euro Opportunity	79.0	83.6	+2.3	..
North Amer Opp	78.8	83.4	+2.5	..
Far East Opp	94.0	99.5	+1.3	..
Gth Prop Series 1	162.7	171.3	..	..
Gth Prop Series 2	119.7	126.7	+0.1	..
Fixed Int	107.7	114.0	+0.6	..
Cash	103.5	109.5	+0.1	..
Managed Pens	319.2	324.0	..	..
Overseas	79.8	84.6	+2.1	..
EAGLE STAR INSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	112.4	118.4	+0.1	..
Blue Chip Fund	145.0	152.7	+1.8	..
Adventurous Fund	155.6	163.4	+5.3	..
Performance Fund	158.0	166.4	+4.5	..
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 1 Threadneedle St, London EC2 01-588 1212				
Eagle/Midland Units	178.7	185.2	+3.1	4.42
EQUITY & LAW Amersham Road, High Wycombe 0494 33377				
UK Equities Fund	484.5	509.9	+4.9	..
Higher Income Fund	505.9	532.5	+2.1	..
Property Fund	318.3	335.0	+0.3	..
Fixed Interest Fund	266.7	280.7	+0.5	..
Index-Linked Secs Fd	110.2	115.9	+1.2	..
Gtd Deposit Fund	190.7	200.7	+0.2	..
Nth America Fund	212.7	223.8	+8.2	..
Far East Fund	345.6	363.7	+7.9	..
Europe Fund	179.1	188.5	+4.5	..
International Fund	284.7	299.6	+6.6	..
Mixed Fund	375.1	394.8	+4.7	..
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 336242				
Managed (Mixed)	169.9	178.9	+1.6	..
UK Equity	204.2	215.0	+2.8	..
Stewardship	212.5	223.7	+2.4	..
Overseas Equity	161.1	169.6	+2.2	..
North American	78.5	82.7	-0.1	..
Pacific Basin	96.9	102.1	+1.6	..
European	83.9	88.4	+2.1	..
Property	160.5	169.0	..	..
Fixed Interest	144.4	152.1	+0.2	..
Index Linked	104.3	109.8	+1.6	..
Cash	127.9	134.7	+0.1	..
GT MANAGEMENT 16 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DJ 01-628 8131				
GT Plan Bond Fund	177.4	186.8	+2.2	..
GT Plan High Yield	224.2	236.1	+4.9	..
GT Plan Far East	217.5	229.0	+0.9	..
GT Plan North Amer	113.7	119.7	+3.9	..
GT Plan UK & GE	302.9	318.9	+9.0	..
GT Plan Worldwide	236.6	249.1	+4.8	..
GENERAL ACCIDENT LINKED LIFE 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR 0904 628982				
Managed	125.2	131.8	+2.4	..
UK Equity	174.4	183.6	+4.1	..
Fixed Int	128.8	135.6	+0.5	..
Index-Linked	102.4	107.8	+1.3	..
Cash Deposit	114.6	120.6	+0.1	..
Property	122.6	129.1	..	..
International	102.5	107.9	+2.5	..
American	78.6	82.7	+2.1	..
Japan	145.1	152.7	+3.3	..
Japan Smlr Co's	143.0	150.5	+1.3	..
European	92.6	97.5	+2.1	..
Pacific Fund	86.2	90.7	+2.1	..
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Crossbrook St, Cheshunt Herts 0992 31971				
Portfolio Fd Acc	486.9		+7.5	..
Do Init	321.6		+4.9	..
Do Inv a	466.8	491.5	+7.7	..
UK Equity	253.2	266.6	+7.2	..
Oseas Equity	131.9	138.9	+1.6	..
Smaller Cos	162.9	171.6	+2.0	..
Gilt Plus	135.2	142.4	+0.5	..
Do 88	123.3	129.9	+0.1	..
Fixed Int Dep	121.8	128.3	+0.2	..
Managed	191.4	201.6	+3.2	..
Inter Man	148.7	156.7	+2.6	..
GRESHAM UNIT 2-6 Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth 0202 752000				
Managed Bond	447.6	471.7	+4.1	..
Money Fund	205.2	216.0	+0.2	..
Equity Fund	363.8	383.3	..	..
Fixed Interest Fund	161.5	170.2	..	..
Property Fund	276.6	291.5	..	..
Gresham Framlington				
American & General	229.8	242.1	+5.2	..
Income	445.9	469.9	+9.1	..
International Grwth	273.9	288.6	+6.0	..
Capital Fund	457.4	482.0	+8.6	..
Recovery Fund	308.3	324.9	+8.8	..
Japan & General	190.4	200.6	+4.1	..
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3 01-283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	558.1	581.3	..	..
Managed Initial	316.7	333.4	+4.1	..
Do Accum	388.9	409.4	+5.2	..
Equity Initial	475.2	500.2	+8.0	..
Do Accum	583.6	614.3	+10.1	..
Fixed Int Initial	282.1	296.9	+1.2	..
Do Accum	346.4	364.6	+1.5	..
Intl Initial	337.5	355.3	+8.2	..
Do Accum	414.5	436.3	+10.2	..
Nth Amer Initial	117.9	124.1	-4.4	..
Do Accum	131.8	138.7	+5.0	..
Pacific Initial	203.1	213.8	+5.4	..
Do Accum	224.9	236.7	+6.1	..
Property Initial	173.6	182.7	..	..
Do Accum	213.0	224.2	..	..
Index-Linked Initial	104.1	109.5	+1.9	..
Do Accum	116.3	122.4	+2.2	..
Deposit Initial	145.2	152.9	..	..
Do Accum	178.3	187.7	+0.1	..
Euro Initial	71.4	75.1	+0.5	..
Do Accum	73.7	77.6	+0.6	..
Unit Linked Insr Inc	71.4	75.1	+0.5	..
Do Accum	73.7	77.6	+0.6	..
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 26, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1DA 01-638 5757				
High Income Fund	313.5	330.9	+6.7	..
Gilt Edged Fund	93.5	98.7	+0.1	..
Capital Growth Inc	285.2	301.1	+5.5	..
Technology Fund	137.2	144.5	+3.8	..
Natural Resources	112.5	118.8	+1.8	..
Special Situations	258.6	273.0	+4.5	..
North America Fund	189.2	199.7	+4.2	..
Far East Fund	322.5	340.4	+5.4	..
Managed Fund	307.3	324.4	+4.5	..
Deposit Fund	147.7	155.5	+0.4	..
Prime Residential	165.3	174.1	..	..
Property Fund	225.0	236.9	+5.0	..
Managed Currency	112.9	119.2	+0.2	..
Global Health Care	135.1	142.6	+3.5	..
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 01-686 4355				
Security Fund	293.6	309.1	+0.6	..
British Fund	277.9	292.6	+1.3	..
International Fund	277.5	282.2	+6.2	..
Dollar Fund	197.9	208.4	+4.0	..
Capital Fund	268.0	282.2	+1.8	..
Income Fund	361.4	380.5	+2.6	..
Property Series 'A'	280.5	295.3	..	..
Property Units	464.8	488.1	..	..
Financial Fund	261.9	275.7	+0.8	..
Managed Series 'A'	307.4	323.6	+3.4	..
Do C	211.9	223.1	+2.3	..
Managed Units	539.8	568.3	+6.0	..
High Yield Fund	351.1	369.6	+8.4	..
Money Series 'A'	185.9	195.7	+0.2	..
Money Units	239.7	252.4	+0.2	..
Equity Fund	342.3	360.4	+5.9	..
Fixed Interest Fund	231.7	243.9	+0.8	..
Indexed Secs Fund	115.1	121.1	+0.8	..
European Fund	357.0	375.8	+7.2	..
Natural Res Fund	171.5	180.5	+5.0	..
Far East Fund	385.4	405.0	+26.4	..
Smaller Co's Fund	384.3	404.6	+1.3	..
Special Sits Fund	293.4	308.9	+1.6	..
Man Currency Fund	161.9	171.9	+0.3	..
Japanese Tech	200.5	211.1	+3.5	..
US Smaller Co's	87.0	91.6	+2.4	..
IMPERIAL TRIDENT LIFE LTD 69, London Road, Gloucester, GL1 3LE 0452 500500				
(Formerly Imperial Life Ass of Can)				
Growth Fund	310.4	337.5	+8.3	..
Managed Fd	248.1	261.2	+3.8	..
Fixed Int Fd	251.3	264.6	+1.1	..
Secure Cap Fd	181.7	191.3	+0.2	..
Equity Fd	723.4	761.6	+19.0	..
Property Fd	197.3	207.8	+0.1	..
(Formerly Trident Life)				
Managed	314.1	330.7	+4.8	..
Gtd Mgd	336.3	354.1	+1.2	..
Property	350.8	369.3	+0.1	..
American	218.9	230.5	+3.3	..
UK Equity Fd	414.9	436.8	+10.9	..
High Yield	483.7	509.2	+8.3	..
Gilt Edged	288.0	303.3	+1.3	..
Money	261.5	275.3	+0.2	..
International	243.0	255.9	+4.3	..
Henderson Active	131.8	138.8	+2.4	..
Perpetual Active	151.5	159.5	+3.1	..
Growth Cap	285.6	300.8	+4.2	..
Do Accum	376.2	396.1	+5.5	..
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Longbow House, 20, Chiswell St, London EC1 4TY 01-638 1731				
Prop Mod Gth Ser 3	167.3	176.1	-1.5	..
Blue Chip Series 3	295.5	311.1	+0.6	..
Managed Series 3	266.0	280.0	+0.1	..
Global Managed 3	311.1	327.5	+4.7	..
Global Property 3	165.5	174.2	..	..
Global Fixed Int 3	314.5	331.0	+2.3	..
Global Equity 3	341.2	359.2	+6.2	..
Global Cash 3	132.5	139.5	+0.2	..
High Inc Series 3	£10.35	10.89	-0.00	..
LAS GROUP 10, George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2YH 031-225 8494				
Managed Fund	216.5	229.9	+3.2	..
UK Equity	346.2	367.3	+8.0	..
Property	237.7	250.4	+2.5	..
Money Market	162.8	171.7	+0.2	..
Fixed Interest	193.2	205.0	+0.4	..
Japan	347.6	368.8	+4.6	..
North America	98.7	104.9	-0.5	..
International	189.5	201.2	+2.6	..
Natural Res Fnd	42.3	45.0	+0.2	..
European	128.4	135.6	+1.9	..
Far East	96.1	101.5	+2.2	..
High Technology	122.2	129.0	+2.4	..
Special Sits	89.8	94.9	+2.6	..
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Rd, Hove, Sussex BN5 1SE 0273 724588				
Bldg Soc Lnkd Int	107.9	113.6	..	..
Do Accum	120.1	126.5	+0.2	..
Cash Initial	133.1	140.2	+0.1	..
Do Accum	186.7	196.6	+0.2	..
Equity Initial	426.8	449.3	+7.0	..
Do Accum	598.4	629.9	+9.8	..
Fixed Initial	265.5	279.5	..	..
Do Accum	372.2	391.8	..	..
Index-Linked Gilt	98.4	103.6	+1.4	..
Do Accum	117.8	124.1	+1.9	..
Intl Initial	249.8	263.0	+5.5	..
Do Accum	344.7	362.9	+7.4	..
Managed Initial	323.8	340.7	+6.0	..
Do Accum	453.7	477.6	+11.3	..
Property Initial	180.1	189.6	+0.1	..
Do Accum	252.5	265.8	+0.2	..
LEGAL & GENERAL PROPERTY 11, Queen Vic St London EC4N 4TP 01-248 9678				
L & G (29)	214.9	222.1	..	..
LONDON LIFE 100, Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	524.6		+17.7	..
Fixed Interest	251.7		-0.1	..
Property	266.8		+0.2	..
Deposit	185.2		+0.2	..
Mixed	349.4		+8.6	..
Indexed Stock	126.2		+0.7	..
International	162.1		+6.4	..
Equity A	123.0		+4.2	..
Fixed Int A	112.8		-0.1	..
Property A	118.5		+0.1	..
Deposit A	110.5		+0.1	..
Mixed A	116.0		+2.9	..
Index Stock A	99.8		+0.5	..
International A	102.3		+4.0	..
Equity P	407.1		+14.4	..
Fixed Int P	294.9		+0.2	..
Property P	215.9		+0.3	..
Deposit P	186.4		+0.3	..
Mixed P	299.2		+8.0	..
Index Stock P	141.0		+0.8	..
International P	175.4		+8.5	..
LON & MANCHESTER GROUP Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 52155				
Inv Trust Cap	408.7		+4.8	..
Do Accum	516.6		+6.1	..
Property Cap	142.8		..	..
Do Accum	177.3		+0.1	..
Fixed Interest Cap	167.1		+0.8	..
Do Accum	206.6		+1.1	..
Equity Cap	216.6		+3.9	..
Do Accum	269.4		+5.0	..
International Cap	169.9		+2.8	..
Do Accum	210.2		+3.7	..
Gtd Deposit Cap	149.5		+0.1	..
Do Accum	183.5		+0.1	..
Flexible Cap	253.1		+5.4	..
Do Accum	314.7		+6.8	..
Moneymaker Fund	249.5		+3.9	..
Capital Growth Fund	820.1		+15.7	..
M & G Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ 01-626-4588				
Amer Bond Acc	187.3	196.8	+5.5	..
Amer Rec Bond	225.6	237.1	+5.6	..
Amer Smlr Co Bond	85.1	89.4	+4.4	..
Australasia Bond	127.5	133.9	+5.1	..
Commodity Bond	168.7	177.3	+3.7	..
Deposit Bond Acc	233.3	245.1	+0.2	..
Equity Bond Accum	714.6	750.4	+17.2	..
European Bond Acc	169.6	178.2	+1.3	..
Extra Yld Bd Accum	387.9	407.5	+5.7	..
Far East Bd Accum	120.7	126.8	+4.5	..
Gilt Bond Accum	272.9	286.6	-0.5	..
Gold Bond Accum	103.4	108.6	-1.0	..
High Yield Bond	254.1	266.9	+4.8	6.06
Index-Linked Gi Bd	132.0	138.7	+1.9	..
International Bond	382.7	402.0	+9.6	..
Japan Bond Acc	245.2	257.5	+8.4	..
Japan Smlr Co Acc	188.4	198.0	+6.4	..
Managed Bonds	479.5	503.3	+10.8	..
Prop Bond Accum	305.0	320.3	+0.2	..
Rec Bond Accum	375.3	394.2	+15.3	..
MGM ASSURANCE MGM Hse Heene Rd, Worthing BN11 2DY 0903 204631				
UK Equity Fund	199.9	210.5	+3.8	..
Do Accum	229.9	242.1	+4.4	..
Special Sits Fund	200.8	211.4	+3.6	..
Do Accum	231.1	243.3	+4.2	..
North American Fd	127.4	134.2	+3.7	..
Do Accum	146.6	154.4	+4.3	..
Pacific Basin Fund	273.7	288.2	+6.5	..
Do Accum	315.2	331.8	+7.4	..
Fixed Interest Fund	219.5	231.1	-0.2	..
Do Accum	252.5	265.8	-0.3	..
Property Fund	134.5	141.6	+1.7	..
Do Accum	154.8	163.0	+1.9	..
Deposit Fund	114.3	120.4	+0.1	..
Do Accum	131.6	138.6	+0.1	..
Managed Fund	195.1	205.4	+2.7	..
Do Accum	224.8	236.5	+3.1	..
MANUFACTURERS LIFE St Georges Way, Stevenage 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	418.1	440.1	..	..
Property Fund	329.6	346.9	..	..
Equity Fund	498.3	524.5	..	..
Gilt Edged Fund	383.1	403.3	..	..
Deposit Fund	211.5	222.6	..	..
Investment Fund	210.4	220.9	..	..
International Fund	331.2	348.6	..	..
MERCHANT INVESTORS Leon House, 233 High St Croydon 01-686 9171				
Property	356.0		+0.2	..
Equity Bond	174.2		+2.7	..
Money Market Bond	321.6		+1.2	..
Deposit Fund	246.9		-0.2	..
Managed Fund	274.0		+3.1	..
Intl Equity	298.7		+7.0	..
Intl Managed	279.1		+5.1	..
North American	113.4		+3.3	..
Far East	256.9		-4.0	..
Intl Currency	163.1		+2.2	..
NM SCHRODER LIFE Enterprise Hse, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	81.4	85.6	+1.4	..
Fixed Interest	343.5	361.5	+0.4	..
Managed	409.4	430.9	+6.1	..
Deposit	224.2	236.0	+0.3	..
Overseas	229.6	241.6	+5.5	..
Property	308.5	324.7	+3.5	..
American	214.5	225.7	+7.2	..
Australian	214.8	226.1	+10.7	..
European	271.8	286.1	+3.8	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	183.7	193.3	+0.5	..
Global Managed	97.7	102.8	+2.6	..
Income Accum	438.8	461.8	+7.0	..
Do Dist	315.8	332.4	+6.2	..
International	243.7	256.5	+7.3	..
Japan Smaller	283.3	297.1	-0.1	..
Singapore & Mal	107.4	113.0	+2.9	..
Smaller Companies	369.2	388.6	+6.2	..
Tokyo Fund	456.1	480.1	+8.7	..
UK Equity	354.4	373.0	+12.9	..
CCM Vang'd Mod	393.2	413.8	+9.2	..
Equity Pension Cap	567.7	581.2	+12.3	..
Overseas Pension	254.4	267.7	+7.6	..
NATIONAL PROVIDENT 48 Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH 01-623 4200				
Managed	283.3	298.3	+3.9	..
UK Equity	355.8	374.6	+6.4	..
Overseas Equity	252.0	265.3	+4.9	..
Americas	194.9	205.2	+8.2	..
Far East	321.1	338.0	+8.2	..
Property	168.4	177.3	+2.7	..
Fixed Interest	220.4	232.1	+0.9	..
Indexed Gilt	119.9	126.3	+1.3	..
Deposit	139.0	146.4	+0.1	..
NORWICH UNION PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	716.3	754.0	+15.5	..
Equity Fund	£14.41	15.17	+0.41	..
Property Fund (3)	350.4	368.9	+0.2	..
Fixed Int Fund (3)	389.2	409.7	+1.0	..
Deposit Fund (3)	216.6	228.0	+0.2	..
Intl Fund (30)	124.1	130.7	+4.3	..
Unit-Linked Plus	828.5		..	..
PEARL ASSURANCE 252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB 01 831-1667				
Inv Prop Dist	158.4	166.8	+0.1	..
Do Accum	256.7	270.3	+0.2	..
Inv Equity	836.2	869.7	+22.0	..
Inv Managed	459.0	483.2	+10.0	..
Ret Managed	433.9	456.8	+10.4	..
PHOENIX ASSURANCE 4-5, King William St, EC4N 7ER 01-626 9876				
Wealth Assured	381.3	401.5	+7.1	..
Ebor Phoenix Equity	341.0	362.5	..	..
PROPERTY GROWTH Leon House, Croydon CR9 1LU 01-680 0606				
Property Fund	359.0		..	..
Property Fund (A)	343.5		..	..
Agricultural Fund	510.1		+0.2	..
Agric Fund (A)	490.2		+0.1	..
Abbey Nat Fund	284.4		+0.1	..
Abbey Nat Fund (A)	291.5		..	..
Investment Fund	207.4		+3.3	..
Investment Fund (A)	201.0		+3.2	..
Equity Fund	750.9		+17.8	..
Equity (A)	729.5		+17.2	..
Money Fund	296.3		+0.2	..
Money Fund (A)	287.5		+0.2	..
Actuarial Fund	347.0		+5.8	..
Gilt-Edged Fund	267.4		+0.3	..
Gilt-Edged Fund (A)	267.4		+0.3	..
Retire Annuity	596.1		..	..
Immed Annuity	241.5		..	..
International Fund	361.8		+6.1	..
Bldg Soc Life Fund	148.0		+0.1	..
PROVIDENCE CAPITAL 30, Uxbridge Rd, W12 8PG 01-749 9111				
Equity Fund Accum	187.7	198.1	+5.3	..
Fixed Interest Acc	137.5	145.1	+0.6	..
International Accum	120.5	127.2	+3.2	..
Managed Accum	137.5	145.0	+3.2	..
Property Accum	187.7	198.1	+0.6	..
Money Accum	98.6	104.1	+0.1	..
Special Mkt Accum	98.1	103.5	+1.9	..
Japan Growth Acc	140.8	148.6	+3.3	..
N Amer Accum	86.3	91.1	+1.4	..
Pacific Accum	69.5	73.4	+3.3	..
Technology Accum	109.5	115.6	+1.6	..
Natural Res Accum	58.5	61.8	+1.7	..
Japan Grwth Accum	223.0	235.3	+5.2	..
European Accum	72.8	76.8	+2.9	..
PROVIDENT MUTUAL 25/31, Moorgate London EC2R 6BA 01-628 3232				
Managed Ord	273.0	287.4	+4.5	..
Managed Initial	228.0	240.0	+3.6	..
Equity Ord	384.4	404.6	+9.0	..
Equity Init	321.0	337.9	+7.3	..
Index-Linkd Gilt Ord	121.6	128.0	+1.9	..
Index Linked Gilt Init	106.0	111.6	+1.5	..
Oseas Equity Ord	249.4	262.5	+6.3	..
Oseas Equity Initial	208.3	219.3	+5.2	..
Property Ord	155.3	163.5	+0.1	..
Property Initial	129.7	136.5	..	..
Fixed Int Ord	171.1	180.1	+0.2	..
Fixed Int Initial	142.9	150.4	+0.1	..
Deposit Ord	132.9	139.9	+0.2	..
Deposit Initial	111.0	116.8	+0.1	..
PROVINCIAL LIFE Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria 0539 23415				
Managed Fund	499.9	526.8	+8.8	..
Cash Fund	215.6	227.2	+0.2	..
Property Fund	251.4	265.0	+0.2	..
Equity Fund	539.6	568.7	+12.6	..
Fxd Interest Fund	292.8	308.6	+2.4	..
International	239.2	254.6	+6.9	..
High Income	412.6	434.8	+10.4	..
Far East	368.9	393.6	+9.1	..
North American	209.7	223.1	+9.5	..
Special Sits	485.8	516.9	+9.6	..
Technology	215.8	229.6	+7.9	..
Extra Income Fund	239.2	252.1	+4.3	..
Gilt Fund 20	303.0	322.4	+0.8	..
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH 01-405 9222				
Managed	199.1	207.4	+4.4	..
PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN LIFE LTD 30 Old Burlington Street London W1X 1LB 01-439 3134				
Managed Fund	435.1	458.0	+7.4	..
Equity Fund	876.2	922.4	+21.0	..
Intl Fund	306.8	323.0	+6.1	..
Fixed Interest Fund	368.1	387.5	+0.6	..
Property Fund	317.3	334.1	+0.2	..
Cash Fund	235.9	248.4	+0.3	..
Pacific Basin Fd	174.9	184.2	+4.0	..
N American Fd	126.7	133.4	+1.6	..
Euro Fund	125.2	131.8	+1.5	..
Balanced Fund	100.7	106.1	+1.9	..
Strategic Fund	98.9	104.2	+1.3	..
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE LTD 20, Clifton Street, London EC2A 4HX 01-920 0202 0733 262524				
Multi Growth (45)	425.82		..	..
Multi Growth 'A' (45)	425.8	448.2	..	..
Op 8 Prop	361.0	380.1	..	..
Op 8 Equity	680.8	716.7	+14.1	..
Op 8 High Yield	345.4	363.6	+0.7	..
Op 8 Managed	524.6	552.3	+7.7	..
Op 8 Deposit	254.6	268.1	+0.1	9.14
Op 8 US Dollar	87.3	91.9	+0.8	8.75
Amer Smaller	81.7	86.0	+1.7	..
Commodity	72.7	76.6	+2.4	..
Extra Inc	136.3	143.5	+2.3	..
Far East	131.1	138.1	+1.7	..
Finl Secs	150.3	158.3	+3.6	..
Gold Gen	41.8	44.0	+0.8	..
Inc Gth	221.4	233.1	+4.4	..
Intl Fund	131.5	138.5	+2.3	..
Japan Perf	228.7	240.8	-3.6	..
Japan Smlr	139.7	147.1	+0.5	..
Natl High	214.5	225.8	+3.8	..
Prop Shs	179.2	188.7	+5.8	..
Intl Recovery	189.3	199.3	+3.2	..
Smaller Cos	252.2	265.5	+6.1	..
Univ Energy	52.7	55.5	+1.4	..
World Tech	101.3	106.7	+2.6	..
Managed Gth	159.6	168.0	+2.7	..
Gilt	83.9	88.4	-2.4	..
Hong Kong	59.6	62.8	+0.6	..
Aust Gth	50.9	53.6	+1.3	..
Amer (35,34)	117.8	124.0	-0.5	..
Australian	69.7	73.4	+3.9	..
British	174.5	183.7	+4.7	..
Commodity	109.2	115.0	+2.0	..
Extra Inc	189.0	199.0	+1.8	..
Far Eastern	225.6	237.5	+3.1	..
Intl Fixed Int	84.7	89.2	-0.1	..
Global (35,34)	262.3	276.2	+2.9	..
Gold Share	54.0	56.9	+0.9	..
High Income	244.1	257.0	+3.4	..
Income	311.3	327.7	+6.4	..
Japan	274.4	288.9	+2.5	..
Oil Energy	128.1	132.8	+4.9	..
Special Sits	231.7	243.9	+5.9	..
UK Smlr Co's	257.7	271.3	+5.5	..
Man Growth	273.8	288.3	+2.6	..
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051-227 4422				
Royal Shield Fund	552.0	584.1	+12.6	..
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	226.1	238.0	+2.2	..
Equity Fund	284.6	299.5	+3.7	..
Property Fund	189.6	199.5	..	..
International Fund	279.4	294.1	+2.5	..
Pacific Basin Fund	194.3	204.5	+1.1	..
United States Fund	117.5	123.6	+2.1	..
Gilt Fund	200.8	211.3	..	..
SAVE & PROSPER 1, Finsbury Ave London, EC2M 2QY 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	453.0	479.4	+6.4	..
Deposit Fund (2)	239.8	253.8	+0.2	..
Gilt Fund	326.3	345.3	+0.7	..
Global Equity Fund	139.5	147.7	+3.0	..
Property Fund (46)	70.4	74.5	+0.3	..
AG Bond Fund	99.8	105.7	+1.6	..
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow 041-248 2323				
Equity	356.9	375.7	+8.9	..
Fixed Interest	218.4	229.9	+1.7	..
International	220.4	232.0	+7.3	..
Property	175.5	184.8	+0.1	..
Cash	148.8	156.7	+0.2	..
Managed	270.8	285.1	+5.8	..
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28, St Andrew Sq Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	112.4	118.3	+0.06	..
Index-Linked	96.5	101.6	-0.5	..
Fixed Interest	120.5	126.9	+0.1	..
Mixed	142.8	150.4	+1.5	..
UK Equity	137.6	144.9	+1.1	..
International	148.3	156.2	+2.9	..
American	111.7	117.1	-1.0	..
Japan	212.8	224.0	+5.3	..
European	135.3	142.5	+3.0	..
Pacific	182.3	191.9	+4.3	..
Technology	134.4	141.5	+1.4	..
Foreign Bd/Currency	139.1	146.5	+1.0	..
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031-225 2211				
Property	138.6	146.0	+0.1	..
UK Equity	193.5	203.8●	-1.6	..
American	124.8	131.5●	-1.2	..
Pacific	206.8	217.8●	+4.3	..
European	205.2	216.2	-1.4	..
International	162.8	171.4	-0.5	..
Fixed Interest	137.8	145.2	+0.1	..
Index Linked	122.1	128.7	+4.8	..
Deposit	122.1	128.7	+0.1	..
Managed	159.5	168.0	-0.3	..
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041-248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	993.8	1024.5	-3.8	..
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENTS 109, St Vincent St, Glasgow 041-248 6321				
Safety Fund	139.4	146.8	+1.3	..
Growth Fund	140.9	148.4	+0.3	..
Opportunity Fund	140.1	147.5	+0.5	..
Cash Fund	112.7	118.7	+0.1	..
European Fund	153.1	161.2	+0.9	..
Gilts & Fxd Int Fund	121.0	127.4	-0.1	..
Index-Linked Fund	108.3	114.1	+1.0	..
International Fund	146.0	153.7	+0.7	..
North American Fd	105.8	111.4	-0.6	..
Property Fund	114.8	120.9	..	..
UK Equity	145.6	153.3	-0.1	..
UK Smaller	183.3	193.0	-0.5	..
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031-556 9181				
Mixed	160.2	168.7	+2.4	..
Equity	178.8	188.3	+3.4	..
International	161.8	170.5	+4.4	..
Property	175.3	184.6	..	..
Fixed Interest	130.9	137.9	+0.1	..
Index Linked	107.6	113.4	+1.8	..
Cash	123.1	129.7	+0.1	..
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031-655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	480.9		..	..
Inv Pol 2	443.1	466.5	..	..
Inv Pol 3	431.1	453.9	..	..
Inv Cash	196.9	207.3	..	..
Mixed Fund	274.8	289.4	+7.5	..
Equity Fund	330.7	348.2	+12.0	..
Property Fund	173.5	182.8	+0.1	..
International Fund	245.3	258.4	+8.1	..
Fixed Interest Fund	215.9	227.4	+0.7	..
Indexed Stock Fund	119.9	126.4	+1.9	..
Cash Fund	144.3	152.0	+0.1	..
SKANDIA LIFE Frobisher Hse, Nelsons Gate, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Accum	225.1	236.9	+4.4	..
Equity Accum	272.0	286.3	+6.6	..
International Accum	211.5	222.6	+5.3	..
Property	171.5	180.5	+0.1	..
Royal Trust Mngd	147.2	154.9	+2.4	..
Britannia Mngd	116.3	122.4	+1.9	..
Framlington Mngd	136.0	143.1	+3.4	..
Gartmore Mngd	149.2	157.0	+3.0	..
Henderson Mngd	141.3	148.7	+3.2	..
TSB Managed	127.9	134.6	+2.3	..
North European	168.7	177.5	+3.7	..
Pacific	171.2	180.2	+3.4	..
Intl Recovery	154.5	162.6	+2.6	..
Gilt Plus Accum	196.3	206.8	-0.1	..
North American	106.2	111.7	+2.7	..
Deposit	171.8	180.6	+0.1	..
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3, George Street, Edinburgh EX2 2XZ 031-225-2552				
Managed	376.2	396.1	+5.0	..
Equity	514.0	541.1	+7.1	..
Fixed Interest	248.5	261.7	+0.8	..
Index Linked	124.9	131.5	+1.8	..
International	342.8	360.9	+7.0	..
Nth American	73.6	77.5	+1.3	..
Far East	112.1	118.1	+2.6	..
European	73.9	77.8	+2.1	..
Property	228.4	240.5	-0.1	..
Cash	172.8	181.9	+0.1	..
Pension Funds				
Managed	488.2	513.8	+5.8	..
Stock Exchange	109.9	115.7	+1.6	..
Equity	684.3	720.4	+9.1	..
Fixed Interest	289.7	305.0	+0.9	..
Index Linked	160.4	168.9	+2.2	..
International	471.9	496.8	+12.8	..
Property	260.7	274.5	+1.0	..
Cash	228.9	241.0	+0.3	..
SUN ALLIANCE Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex 0403 64141				
Managed Fund	392.3	413.0	+6.3	..
Equity Fund	520.3	547.7	+12.5	..
Fixed Interest Fund	293.1	308.6	+0.3	..
Index Linked Fund	183.3	193.0	+2.5	..
Property Fund	324.6	341.7	+0.1	..
International Fund	327.4	344.7	+5.7	..
N American Fund	103.1	108.6	+2.1	..
Far East Fund	194.3	204.6	+4.1	..
Deposit Fund	191.4	201.5	+0.1	..
International Bond	£40.63		+1.38	..
Worldwide Bond			..	..
Worldwide Fincl	80.5	84.8	+0.9	..
Worldwide Tech	78.4	82.6	+1.1	..
European	77.6	81.7	+0.8	..
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing 0256-841414				
Growth Account	818.2		-7.1	..
Managed Account	482.5		+4.0	..
Equity Account	631.1		+5.9	..
Mngd Fund Accum	219.1	230.7	+1.9	..
Equity Fund Accum	284.6	299.6	+2.8	..
Prop Fund Accum	183.2	192.9	+4.2	..
Fixed Int Fd Acc	185.3	195.1	-0.5	..
Intl Fund Accum	252.4	265.7	+4.4	..
Money Fund Accum	141.8	149.3	+0.3	..
Indx-Lnkd Scs Acc	125.1	131.7	+0.7	..
Pers Pens Account	924.7		+25.1	..
Pens Mngd Account	430.5	453.1	+12.0	..
Pens Guarantee	129.6	136.4	+0.6	..
Pens Equity	165.3	174.0	+8.9	..
Pens Property	146.5	154.2	+0.2	..
Pens Fixed Int	145.9	153.5	+0.4	..
Pens Intl	118.1	124.4	+8.0	..
Pens Money	129.5	136.0	+0.6	..
Pens Indx-Lnkd	110.3	116.1	+0.8	..
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272 426911				
Managed Accum	469.4	494.2	+2.1	..
Property Accum	275.0	289.5	+0.1	..
Equity Accum	662.6	697.5	+1.7	..
Fixed Int Accum	238.5	251.1	+0.2	..
Index-Linked Accum	116.8	123.0	+1.1	..
Cash Accum	196.5	206.9	+0.1	..
Amer Equity Accum	181.5	191.1	+1.8	..
US Bonds Accum	106.9	112.6	-1.3	..
Japan Accum	272.8	287.2	+5.8	..
Pacific Accum	126.1	132.8	+3.4	..
Far Eastern Accum	432.8	455.6	+11.0	..
International Accum	285.2	300.3	+6.0	..
US Dollar Accum	85.4	89.9	+1.1	..
Yen Accum	125.4	132.0	+1.1	..
Euro Cur Accum	115.6	121.7	+0.7	..
Distribution Fund	211.9	223.1	+1.5	7.49
European	90.5	95.3	+2.9	..
TSB LIFE LTD Keens House, Andover, Hants, SP10 1PG 0264 56789				
Managed Fund	161.4	170.0	+2.9	..
Property Fund	129.9	136.9	-8.2	..
Fixed Interest Fund	146.9	154.7	+0.1	..
Money Fund	128.1	135.0	+0.1	..
Equity Fund	205.9	216.9	+4.9	3.00
TARGET LIFE Target House, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury Bucks Aylesbury (0296) 394000				
American Eagle	94.9	99.9	+1.4	..
Australian	23.9	25.2	+0.8	..
Commodity	95.0	100.1	+3.3	..
Deposit	167.0	175.8	+0.1	..
Residential Prop	89.0	93.7	..	..
Financial	193.1	203.3	+1.8	..
Fixed Interest	202.1	212.8	+1.5	..
Gold	78.8	83.0	+1.8	..
Income	255.5	269.0	+8.0	..
International Equity	250.9	264.1	+8.6	..
Japan	338.1	355.9	+7.4	..
Convertible	110.3	116.2	+1.5	..
Managed	385.7	406.0	+17.8	..
International Bond	89.1	93.8●	+1.0	..
Managed Prop	142.0	149.5	..	..
Pacific	169.2	178.2	+8.3	..
Preference	179.6	189.1	+1.4	..
Property	308.7	325.0	..	..
Special Situations	202.4	213.1	+3.2	..
Sterling	5.5		..	..
Technology	79.4	83.6	+1.5	..
UK Equity	554.7	583.9	+16.5	..
World Income	138.8	146.2	+4.3	..
Euro Situations	117.2	123.4	+1.5	..
REGENCY LIFE ASS CO 55-57 High Holborn London WC1V 6DU 01-831 7481				
Series 2 Man Fund	282.6	297.4	+6.0	..
Series 2 Equity Fund	340.7	358.6	+7.4	..
Series 2 Prop Fund	388.2	408.6	+10.3	..
Series 2 Fx Int Fund	242.8	255.5	+3.8	..
Series 2 Money Fd	165.5	174.2	+0.2	..
Series 2 O'seas Fd	228.1	240.1	+6.3	..
Tulip Invest Fund	252.4	265.7	+4.4	..
Tulip Mangd Fund	375.3	395.0	+8.1	..
Mngd Inv Fd Int	246.8	259.7	+5.2	..
Do Accum	308.0	324.2	+6.6	..
TYNDALL ASSURANCE 401, St John Street, 8 London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494				
3-Way Fund	367.6		..	..
UK Equity	245.3	258.2	+4.7	..
N American Equity	154.7	162.8	+3.9	..
Far East Equity	288.6	303.7	+3.8	..
Fixed	187.2	197.1	+0.8	..
Cash Deposit	134.6	141.7	+0.1	..
Property	112.1	118.0	..	..
Special Opp	321.6	338.5	+3.5	..
Managed	216.2	227.6	+2.8	..
Index-Linked Fd	117.9	124.1	+1.3	..
Star Mngd 2	201.5	212.1	+4.3	..
Star Mngd 3	215.3	226.6	+3.6	..
Star Mngd 4	198.7	209.1	+2.5	..
Star Mngd 5	192.9	203.1	+3.6	..

The prices in this section refer to Thursday's trading

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Civil Servants in the cold

Civil Servants are discovering that they are being denied their pension freedoms when they quit government service. They are not able to exercise their right to choose a new pension when they leave the Civil Service like any other job changer under existing legislation.

As the Government ushers in changes intended to give everyone much more choice about financial planning for retirement the Civil Servants find themselves excluded from the right to go to an insurance company to buy a "private" plan with their pension rights when they leave.

These Section 32 buy-out plans allow employees who are leaving an occupational pension scheme to buy an annuity from an insurance company with the transfer value of their company scheme.

Section 32 plans are generally a much more attractive option than having contributions to an occupational scheme frozen after the employee ends his link with the old employer.

But to set up one of these schemes, also known as buy-out bonds, employees must get the consent of the trustees of the occupational schemes. The trustees must sign the insurance company's proposal and become a party named in the policy. This is because it is the company pension scheme that is paying the premium to purchase the bond.

But the Civil Service pension fund, the Principal Civil Servants Scheme, does not have any trustees — and it seems that there is no one who is empowered to act as a trustee and sign the papers.

The scheme does not have any trustees because it is run by the Treasury from its superannuation department in Basingstoke, Hampshire. There is no fund as such — no pot of money that needs investing and managing — as the scheme works on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Treasury denies any problem

The Treasury denies there is any special problem with Section 32 buy-outs for Civil Servants. "There are managers of the scheme and they have similar powers to the trustees. They can approve these transfers," said a Treasury spokesman.

But, in fact, insurance companies that are approached by Civil Servants wanting a section 32 buy-out are finding that managers are reluctant to take on the formal powers of trustees and applications are hitting a log-jam.

There are 600,000 Civil Servants and about 5 per cent leave their jobs every year — so roughly 30,000 Civil Servants a year should be eligible to choose a Section 32 buy-out policy.

Colin Steward, secretary to the parliamentary committee of the National Association of Pension Funds, says his association intends to raise the matter soon with the Inland Revenue.

He said: "It is not clear why the managers are taking this view or what the Treasury position is. But we believe there is a problem for Civil Servants wanting to switch jobs and protect their retirement benefits through a Section 32 buy-out.

"We want to know what is going on."

The Norwich Union insurance company also confirms that there is a problem for Civil Servants in setting up buy-out plans and it is also seeking clarification.

Alistair Neill, of Scottish Widows, says: "This is a typical example of government incompetence. One bit of the Government doesn't know what another is doing. The DHSS says people should be able to do something, but the Civil Service says it does not apply to them."

The Institution of Professional Civil Servants (IPCS), which represents scientists, engineers and other specialists, is implacably against civil servants leaving their pension scheme to opt for a personal pension or to take Section 32 buy-outs, even though it is not a funded scheme subject to the pressures of meeting pension payments from continuing contributions.

Pay downgraded for contributions

When the docks at Devonport were nationalized the insurance companies "descended like sharks", says Charles Harvey, a spokesman for the IPCS.

"They were trying to persuade them all to take Section 32 buy-outs rather than leave their pension entitlements with the Civil Service," said Mr Harvey. Although Civil Servants do not have a pension contribution deduction from their wages, their pay scales are downgraded to take account of this. So Civil Servant representatives consider they are "sacrificing" about 8 per cent of their gross pay for their pensions.

This is not the first time there have been problems with Section 32 schemes and for Civil Servants in particular. They have also been victims of the inflation-proofing protection built into their occupational schemes.

Benefits have had to rise in line with increases in average earnings. This is marvellous if they stay in the scheme to retirement but not so good if they want a buy-out.

It has been a rule with Civil Service pensions that the protection built into the scheme should also apply if it is transferred to a Section 32 plan. Insurance companies were unhappy about committing themselves to this because the cost could be prohibitive. Recently, however, new terms have been negotiated so that transferred benefits can be revalued at fixed rates.

This has opened the gates on Section 32 schemes for Civil Servants but, having come this far, it seems that they now face a further barrier.

Vivien Goldsmith and Maria Scott

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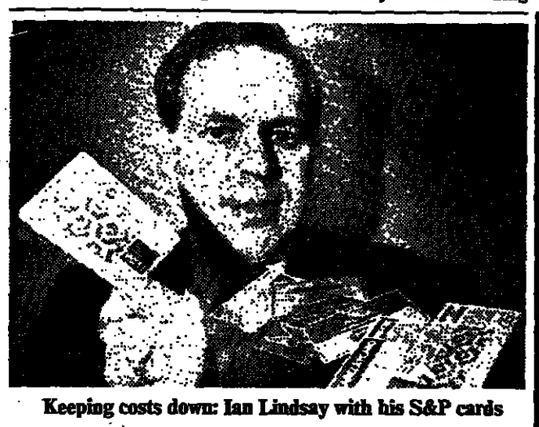
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Keeping costs down: Ian Lindsay with his S&P cards

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In the wake of last week's cut in base rate to 8 per cent — the lowest level for 10 years — S&P was the first, and so far only, credit card operator to reduce its annual percentage rate, from 17.7 to 17.4. And as the big four banks have not yet reduced their personal loan rates, S&P's new rate, albeit for low-risk customers, is cheaper than many types of bank loan.

A plain old-fashioned authorized overdraft is still the cheapest way to borrow money — between 3 and 7 percentage points over base rate for personal customers. But they are usually available only for short periods and for a specific purpose.

Personal loans at the big four banks cost around 20 APR. Lloyds charges 19.5 APR, and customers wishing to buy, say, a car would be charged at this level. The cost for an equivalent loan at National Westminster is 20 APR, although a secured loan for home improvements would be 17.3 APR. Lloyds charges 15.3 APR for loans for major purchases or home improvements.

Barclays' rate is 19.7 APR for an unsecured fixed-rate consumer loan with the promise that the money may be available within 24 hours. Midland's personal loans vary from 19.7 to 21.7 APR, depending on the amount borrowed.

But the charges for the financially unsteady to avoid are those levied by in-store cards. The 10 million retail cards now in use represent 30 per cent of the market in credit and charge cards and the sector received a sharp boost when Marks & Spencer introduced its own card in 1985.

Their interest rates on an annualized basis run from 19.5 per cent at John Lewis Partnership to 34.4 per cent at Sears and Comet. Meanwhile, the Access and Visa credit card rate is about 23.1 per cent.

Boots the Chemist was also charging 34.4 APR but earlier this week it withdrew the card from its 1,000 shops after three years because too few customers were using it. It could not compete with Access and Visa, which are also accepted by the chain, and many of its lines were too low-priced for customers to bother using a card. Boots will instead accept American Express cards in some shops.

None of these retail or credit card groups responded last week by lowering rates after the bank rate fall. When asked why, they said they were still considering a move.

Their delay in reducing rates will undoubtedly add fuel to complaints by consumer watchdogs such as the National Consumer Council and the Consumers' Association that credit card interest rates are uncompetitive and too high and do not move downwards fast enough.

S&P has 15,000 card holders at the moment. "It is growing by 1,000 to 2,000 a month. We would have thought that more people would have rushed for a lower interest rate," says Ian Lindsay, S&P's banking director.

Surprisingly, while two-thirds of credit card holders normally take credit, at S&P, where people have presumably gone to chase the lower interest rates, only about half are doing so.

Rosemary Unsworth
Retail Affairs Correspondent

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Nobody predicted the severe falls in October.

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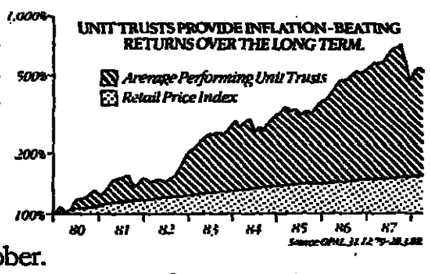
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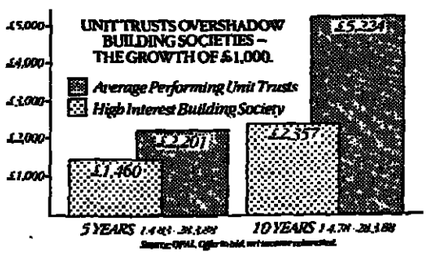
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Investors still mopping up after disaster day

Six months after Black Monday, unit trust investors have a long way to go before seeing the value of their investments reach anything like the levels they were just before the crash.

There has been a decline of 26.8 per cent in the average value of units since Friday, October 16, the day the South of England mopped up after the hurricane.

In the six months to October 16 prices climbed by an average of 12.9 per cent and unit trusts were attracting record levels of investment. But since then the gains have been wiped out, and the average loss is 13.42 per cent in the year to this week.

Sadly, the many small and inexperienced investors who went into trusts before October, encouraged by flash profits from privatization issues, will have had their fingers so badly burned that they will not be back for a long time.

Hopes that the October disaster would not turn into a real bear market have proved unfounded. The average loss in the six months since October 20 is nearly 25 per cent and investors are understandably frightened of making any new moves.

David Glasgow, managing director of Kleinwort Bank, which runs the Kleinwort Barrington stable of trusts, says: "We have seen a great reluctance by investors to do anything." The pessimistic mood is deep-rooted, says Mr Glasgow, who did not expect it to last so long after the crash.

Despite the disastrous showing by unit trusts, the Unit Trust Association reports that the number of unit trust accounts and the number of individual holders has increased slightly during the past year. This indicates that the majority of investors have decided to stay in for the ride, or switch funds, no matter how bumpy the ride, rather than taking a loss.

Even though the overall performance figures have been dismal, it has been possible to make money in trusts since the crash. The trick was in finding the right fund.

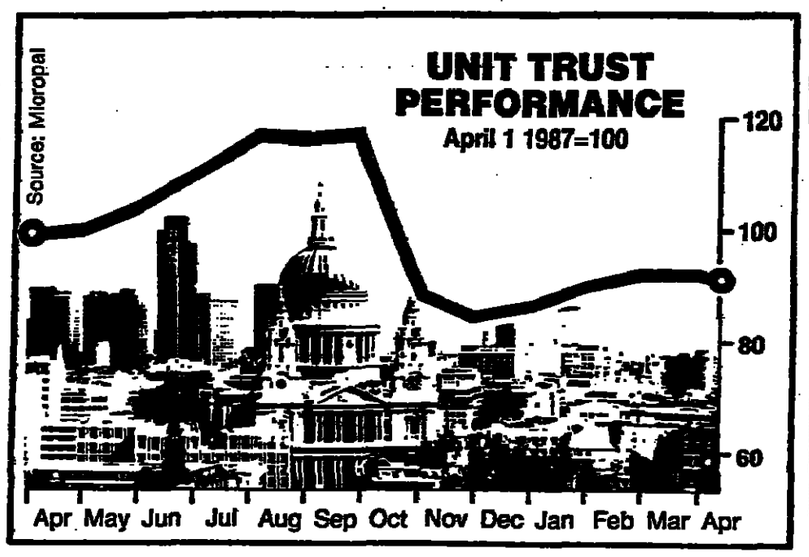
Those astute enough to have moved into a defensive trust, investing in gilts, convertible or preference shares, high-yielding equities, or a mixture of these should have done well. Opal Statistics' lists of best performers since October 16 and October 20 are composed almost exclusively of these trusts.

The exception is Commercial Union's Far Eastern Growth trust, which tops the league for the six months from October 20. It invests in Japan, which has bucked the trend in other world markets as well as other Far Eastern markets.

This fund was launched into the eye of the storm, on October 19, but withstood the chill to advance sharply from its low base. The gain in value, on an offer-to-bid basis was 22 per cent in the six months from October 20.

Grofund Gilt trust also topped the performance league for the six months from just before the crash. John Rockett, head of UK investment at Grofund Managers, says the fund has been invested heavily in long-dated gilts with high coupons, although there has been a move to shorter dates recently. He believes the market in 10-year to 13-year stocks will be strong in the next few months.

Figures for the worst-performing trust reflect the walloping taken by the Australian market on October 19 and the months following. Target Australian, a star performer at one stage last year, is showing a loss of more than 80 per cent since the day after the crash.



What should investors do now? Fund managers and advisers are nervous.

"We are still fairly pessimistic about markets in general," says David Rosier, deputy chairman of Mercury Rowan Mullens, the private client portfolio management division of Mercury Asset Management.

"We are still very worried about underlying problems in the United States and the effect the weak dollar and strong pound are having on the profit of UK companies."

Uncertainty is likely to persist until the US election is out of the way.

Mr Rosier adds: "If you are prepared to ride it out you should probably stay in, but if there is a possibility you will need the money you have invested, it might be advisable to sell into the rally we have been seeing."

Kean Seager, of Whitechurch Securities, says that this year he is subscribing to the "sell in May and go away" adage. His advice to people with spare cash who might be thinking of investing in unit trusts is: "Don't."

With conditions in the equity markets still volatile and likely to remain so for the next few months, the attractions of income-based unit trusts, using high-yielding equities, convertibles, preference shares or gilts will remain strong.

A number of new trusts investing in these have been launched in recent months and more will come. At Grofund Mr Rockett says his company intends soon to launch one that will switch among all four.

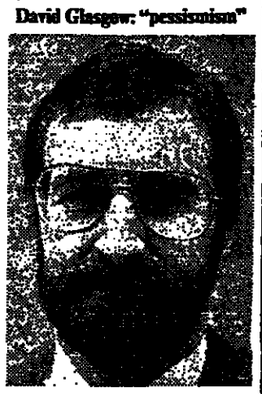
The drop in the value of unit trust funds since the crash has had another unpleasant consequence for investors. When the value of funds under management falls, so too does the fee income flowing to the fund managers. Charges, therefore, are on the way up.

Fidelity and Touche Remnant have raised the annual management charges on some of their trusts to 1.5 per cent, and this could very well set a new benchmark for the industry.

However, some of the blame for rising charges can be laid at the door of the Financial Services Act.

Maria Scott


David Glasgow: "pessimism"


Kean Seager: "Don't invest"


Flashback to October misery: A Barclays Bank market-maker slumps as the slide goes on

Decide how your pet will enjoy your holiday

With the holiday season in sight it is foolish to wait until you dust down the suitcases before making plans for your domestic pets.

Like hotels, the best kennels and catteries become booked up early. A request for accommodation made in mid-summer is likely to be met with a curt refusal.

Do not expect to pay less than £3.90 a day plus VAT for a small-sized dog to £4.30 a day plus VAT for one of German shepherd size if you live in an urban area. The equivalent prices in a country location are £2.50 to £3.75 plus VAT.

Boarding the family cat is expensive too — £3.75 a day plus VAT is an average charge, although sometimes a friendly cat breeder will take in a few privileged boarders for around £2 per day, including VAT.

Some kennels and catteries will be willing to take your children's small caged pets, such as rabbits and guinea pigs too, for 50p to 75p a day.

If you plan a lengthy trip, it is worth inquiring whether there is a reduction for long-stay boarders, or for numbers if you intend to book in several pets.

You will not be able to take your dog or cat over the threshold of a reputable boarding establishment without producing evidence that their jabs against killer diseases are up to date.

According to the British Veterinary Association, the fees charged by veterinary practices vary — partly depending on the particular treatment required and partly on the overheads and level of services offered.

For dog and cat vaccinations the fee can vary from £13 to £30 depending on the number of diseases covered and the number of consultations required to complete the course. It is best to ask the boarding establishment at the time of booking exactly what protection is required.

Many establishments encourage clients to take out sickness and accident insurance for their pet during its stay. But an increasing number of pet owners have insurance anyway, either through one of several canine welfare organizations, such as the National Dog Owners' Association, which includes insurance as a benefit of membership at £16 per year, or one of the specialist pet insurance companies such as Petplan, which offers a whole range of policies for cats and dogs.

Vets suggest that you should insist on seeing where the pet will be accommodated when you visit the boarding establishment. Do not just hand it in at reception on trust. Expect to be asked where you can be contacted on holiday, the name of your usual vet, and what your pet eats.

Finally, if the thought of parting from your pet is just too hard to bear you may like to take advantage of a new scheme enabling you to exchange homes with other pet owners. Registering with Petshare Holidays costs £20. The agency matches your requirements with other families on the register and it is up to you whether you choose to exchange with owners of your own breed or variety or other types of pet throughout the country.

Details are available from Olive Dunn, Petshare Holidays, PO Box 236, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire

Joan Palmer

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Take another look at Inheritance Tax

The Inheritance Tax rate change from March 15 is so fundamental that a fresh look at planning is vital. Having a single 40 per cent rate above £110,000 drastically cuts potential liabilities, particularly for larger estates.

For example, consider the case of a widow with a £200,000 house, investments worth £150,000 and other assets of £40,000 — a total estate of £390,000. If she had made no gifts within the previous seven years, and if she had died before the Budget, the Inheritance Tax would be £138,000. This includes assets of £60,000 at the top 60 per cent rate.

After the Budget, there is a single 40 per cent rate, applying on the excess over £110,000. Thus, £112,000 would be payable, £26,000 less than the pre-Budget figure.

The position would be even more striking for assets of £890,000. The additional £500,000 would now attract 40 per cent compared with 60 per cent, a further saving of £100,000.

So at first sight, there is less need for Inheritance Tax planning. However, 40 per cent is still a substantial tax charge and is well worth saving. Furthermore, if any reliance can be placed on history, eventually the Government will change. In that event, vastly higher taxes on gifts and on death can be expected.

Gifts of more than the annual and other exemptions are classified as "potentially exempt transfers". These are subjected to Inheritance Tax only if you die within seven years of making them. If you survive for at least three years, some reduction in the tax is obtained. However, the gifts are not completely in the clear until seven years have elapsed. The tax rate that applies is that ruling at your death.

This all goes to emphasize the importance of acting in good time, so as to reduce any adverse effects on your estate, from a change of Government or your premature death.

Instead of reducing your estate by outright gifts, you may prefer settlements, especially to children or grandchildren. Accumulation and maintenance settlements, under which the beneficiaries obtain the income as of right by the age of 25 are strongly recommended.

If any of your children is under 18 and receives income from the settlement, you will be taxed on this, but with a top rate of 40 per cent income tax, which is not nearly so penal as it was.

Small discretionary settlements are most beneficial and provide flexibility on the distribution of income and capital. Provided the amount that you settle is within your nil rate band of £110,000), no Inheritance Tax will be payable on setting up the trust. Otherwise, tax at 20 per cent would be payable.

It remains as important as ever to use up the £3,000 annual exemption and other reliefs, such as a marriage. Even if there were to be a change of Government, gifts within the exemptions should prove safe from further charge.

With the radical changes, all facets of Inheritance Tax planning need re-examination. The wills of people who have died within the past two years can be rewritten by means of deeds of variation, for Inheritance Tax and Capital Gains Tax purposes. This can produce considerable tax savings.

All wills should be re-examined now to ensure that, provided the estate is adequate, at least the £110,000 nil rate band is left to people other than the surviving husband or wife. Otherwise, if it all goes to the survivor, it would normally be taxed on his or her death. Thus, at the present 40 per cent rate, up to £44,000 of extra tax would be payable.



Stronger case for planning than ever

If the old nil rate band of £90,000 has already been bequeathed to others, the increase from £90,000 to £110,000 would normally save an additional £8,000 — well worth the trouble. Alternatively, if it is preferred to make lifetime gifts, an additional £20,000 would be available for this purpose.

As a final point, there is an even stronger case than ever for considering Inheritance Tax planning as part of your overall tax strategy. The equation of Capital Gains Tax and income tax rates, the separate taxation of husband and wife from April 1990 and the removal of tax relief on new deeds of covenant and maintenance payments all point towards the benefit of having one overall tax plan.

For example, equalizing the estate between husband and wife may save Inheritance Tax. More important, from 1990 it will result in a division of investment income and capital gains, producing tax savings.

With the withdrawal of tax relief on new deeds of covenant, different ways must be found to put money into the hands of students and others. Capital gifts are an alternative, and so are income distributions from settlements.

Thus, following the Budget changes, not only Inheritance Tax planning but having a general tax plan are more important than ever.

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All facets need to be re-examined

Linksave livener

Girobank, the Post Office-based bank, is pepping up its services with a new range of high-interest accounts, a monthly savings scheme, an account that channels part of the interest to charity, and a pretty competitive mortgage rate.

The full range of new services will be available from early next month, but the card-based savings scheme was launched this week.

Linksave allows customers to draw up to £250 a day, 24 hours a day, from any of the 1,000 LINK through-the-wall card machines.

Customers can also get up to £50 at any Post Office. Overdarfts are not available.

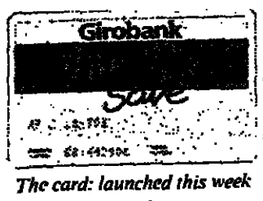
The interest rate is 4.5 per cent net up to £500, 5 per cent up to £5,000, and 5.75 per cent on sums of more than £2,000. This compares with Halifax Cardcash, which gives 4 per cent in two half-year payments on amounts up to £2,000 and 5.75 per cent on sums of more than £2,000.

Linksave customers can arrange for their salary to be paid directly into the account and can have standing orders or direct debits to pay regular bills such as the mortgage, gas or telephone bills.

The card will also allow them to buy groceries and petrol via the experimental EFTPOS trial being run with Sainsbury's and BP.

The new accounts from Girobank will include a high-interest cheque account, a high-interest notice account and a savings scheme.

The mortgage rate for loans of £50,000 and above has been brought down from 9.9 per cent to 9.4 per cent (9.8 APR for endowment loans), and the rate for smaller loans has fallen from 10.2 per cent to 9.7 per cent (10.2 APR for endowment loans).



The card: launched this week

Low pay penalty

LETTERS

It is disappointing to note that in preparing his radical Budget, Mr Lawson apparently failed to address himself to an anomaly which needlessly penalizes some people at the lower end of the pay scale.

This anomaly results from the provisions of the Finance Act 1976, S.69 of which extended the taxation of fringe benefits enjoyed by higher-paid employees, defined in that Act as those in receipt of remuneration of £5,000 pa or more. Subsequent Acts adjusted this figure upwards to £8,500, at which level it has remained since 1979-80, with the result that many people with below-average earnings and who are generally recognized as low earners (e.g., ministers of religion) find themselves regarded as "higher-paid" for tax purposes and thus taxed on any modest perks which they may receive.

There can be no possible justification for this in the light of the Budget proposals — upward revision of the qualifying figure even to £10,000 would result in a negligible loss of revenue — and the Chancellor should act now to correct the situation. If he will not, then at least let the "higher-paid" fiction be dropped and the impost recognized as, effectively, a general one.

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Your thoughts are well received, but it has to be admitted that as things stand, Treasury ministers are not of a mind to raise the balance of £8,500 threshold. I think that it should be recognized that one option which has been under active consideration by the Inland Revenue is whether the £8,500 threshold should be abolished so that everybody should be subject to the altogether more stringent rules relating to "higher-paid" employees. The only thing that seems to be deterring the authorities from this step is the mechanical process of organizing returns and digesting information.

Maybe we should leave things, unsatisfactory as they may be.

Caught in pensions trap

The article "Mortgage relief trap" (February 13) was most interesting in my case, for two reasons. Firstly, my wife and I have opted for the wife's earnings election, and secondly, she has also just commenced a personal pension plan.

The first statement is adequately covered by your article, but the second might be of interest, in that the plan was commenced with a single premium from the past seven years up to and including April 1, 1988. The tax relief on this premium was calculated at 29 per cent on a not insubstantial amount.

My query and observation is therefore: As the taxman feels able to proportion tax relief on mortgages from a joint account and therefore joint income, would it not be perfectly reasonable to expect the tax relief on personal pension plans to be proportional also?

It just so happens that 75 per cent of our joint earnings are mine, and therefore 75 per cent of my wife's single premium and regular earnings premium in future years would attract tax relief at 50 per cent. Surely the taxman cannot have his cake and eat it!

Maybe you consider my point of view to be a red herring, but it would be most interesting to learn your views, and maybe it is just one area where we middle income earners might just have a break in our favour for once.

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Whatever are the rights and wrongs of this, the Inland Revenue has decided to recognize the proposition that mortgage payments may be a joint liability of husband and wife or of unmarried couples. On the other hand, so far as pension payments are concerned, it has to be accepted that the Revenue is only going to attribute these to the payers of the contributions, on the footing that they, and only they, will be the immediate beneficiaries.

Table of confusion

Your article "A new twist to Investments" of March 26 made a number of useful points. However, can I take you to task on the use of the table?

There are 26 offshore gilt funds and you selected only the top six and bottom six. This was not made clear. Readers might therefore assume that a fund in the middle area of your list was about average. In fact it was either one of the last of the best, or amongst the first of the worst.

The heading "Total net return %" may have misled many readers.

It is now widely accepted that the return on investments of this type should compare the amount received on sale with the original cost. In fact, the statistics used compare the current purchase (offer) price plus dividends over the last year with the purchase price one year ago.

If the table had been prepared on the more realistic basis, the picture would have been rather different with some returns significantly lower and a change in the ranking order.

It is vital for potential investors in gilt funds to appreciate that some funds have initial charges and roundings which amount to more than 5.5% of the purchase cost. A much lower charge structure is available from a few leading groups. For example the spread is less than 1.5% for the Lloydstrust Gift Fund, which is consistently among the top funds on cost-to-proceeds performance.

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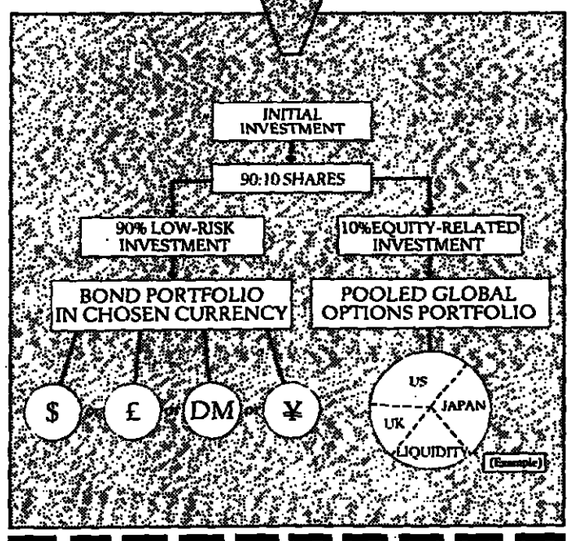
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How Aids peril is hitting life assurance rates

The long-expected hike in life assurance premiums has begun. Zurich Life increased its rates for young men by up to three times this week and other companies are likely to follow soon.

Sun Alliance is expected to raise its rates across the board next week without singling out males. Premiums could be doubled.

The rates for pure protection assurance — term assurance guaranteeing the payment of a specified sum within a given period — will suffer the greatest impact. This includes mortgage protection plans. Endowment policies combining life assurance and a savings element will not be so badly hit as in most cases less than 10 per cent of the premiums go for insurance and the rest provides the saving element.

The prospect of a huge rise means a wonderful selling opportunity for the brokers. London brokers Pall Mall Money Management are offering to pay the first month's premium on protection policies of more than £100,000 for all who apply before the end of this month.

Chris Macdonald at Pall Mall points out that premiums are bound to rise because Britain's insurance rates lag behind those in Europe, because of the costs of the Financial Services Act, and because of the Aids threat.

The Zurich increases apply to all males, married and non-married. The company does not try to pinpoint homosexual men. But the rates for women are unchanged.

A 24-year-old male non-smoker wanting £100,000 cover for 20 years will have to pay £20.20 a month rather than £7.50, but a female non-smoker of the same age will continue to pay £7.50. Older men will face much less dramatic increases. A 55-year-old non-smoker, for instance, would see the rates for £100,000 cover for 15 years go up from £104.90 to £112.70.

Zurich's general manager, Brian Ridsdale, quotes predictions from the Institute of Actuaries that on the most optimistic calculations Aids deaths are set to rise from 404 in 1987 to 15,000 in 1995. The most pessimistic prediction is that they could be four times as high as this.

"Aids mortality is of increasing concern to life assurance companies," says Mr Ridsdale. "Companies should now be taking action both on underwriting and on premium rates and policy options."

In common with other companies, Zurich now asks those applying for life assurance whether they have had a blood test. Already all male applicants wanting cover of £150,000 or more are given a blood test.

Youssef Ziai, an analyst with securities house Smith New Court, has looked at the quoted life assurance companies and worked out how much Aids is likely to cost them. The Prudential stands to lose £336 million and Legal & General £132 million, for instance, on the most optimistic assumptions about Aids. From the shareholders' point of view Abbey Life is the most seriously affected, standing to lose £67 million, because nearly all its business is unit-linked and shareholders own 100 per cent of any surplus or loss in the life fund.

The impact on shareholders' profits will be smaller in companies where a high proportion of the business is conventional with-profits business because shareholders are entitled to only a small proportion of the life fund's profit or loss.

Vivien Goldsmith

Pensions for pondering

Anne Howeson



"Always keep a hold of nurse, for fear of finding something worse," wrote Hilaire Belloc, and it may be timely advice as you ponder on whether to opt for a personal pension.

Insurers are already firing the first few salvoes in the advertising barrage to extol the virtues of controlling your destiny in retirement — though it will not reach its peak until July, when personal pensions actually become available.

There will be plenty of hard selling but it needs to be matched by hard thinking.

Pensions still work up in tiers. The state retirement pension provides the foundation, and the proceeds of any occupational scheme provide the next layer.

Until now employees have either depended on their own company's pension scheme, or had to rely on Serps (State Earnings Related Pension), effectively the Government's fall-back arrangement. It makes sense for a man over 45 and a woman over 40 to stay in Serps if they are in the scheme already, in spite of all the Government's special offers tempting people to leave.

Personal pensions may have their attraction. But if you are settled in your job, with no plans to move on for the next three or four years, and you are in your forties or fifties, company pension schemes have very considerable virtues, which no one should throw away lightly.

For a start, they imply two sets of contributions. Typically, staff pay 5 per cent of their earnings into the pension scheme, while companies provide anything from 5 to 20 per

Pot of money, then a stream of income

cent on top. The importance of the company's contribution depends very much on your age. Companies are not bound to pay anything into the new personal pensions, and very few show any signs of intending to do so.

Company pensions and personal pensions work very differently. Almost all company pensions are "final salary schemes". The employer will provide you with one-sixtieth or one-eightieth of your salary for every year you have been working there.

Personal pensions depend on building up a "pot of money". They consist of either a "with-profit plan", which builds up slowly and steadily, and whose value cannot fall, or a unit-linked scheme, which should provide a better return but gives no guarantees.

The size of your pension will depend on interest rates at the time you convert the pot of money into a stream of income.

All round, there are far more uncertainties with a personal pension than with a final salary scheme, at least if you have been in it for some time. What is more, there will be no chance of regular pensions increases under a personal pension plan unless you accept a lower pension at the start; there will be with a good company pension plan.

Company schemes usually provide various benefits before you retire, including life insurance of perhaps three or four times your salary, for as long as you remain with the employer. This "death in service" benefit is quite valuable, and so are the matching disability benefits, which good company schemes offer. If you are thinking of going for a personal pension, it is well worth checking whether these benefits would apply to you.

Personal pensions will certainly suit people who switch jobs frequently, because they ensure that moving from company to company will have no effect on the pension you build up. But company schemes do not impose quite the penalties on early leavers that they did.

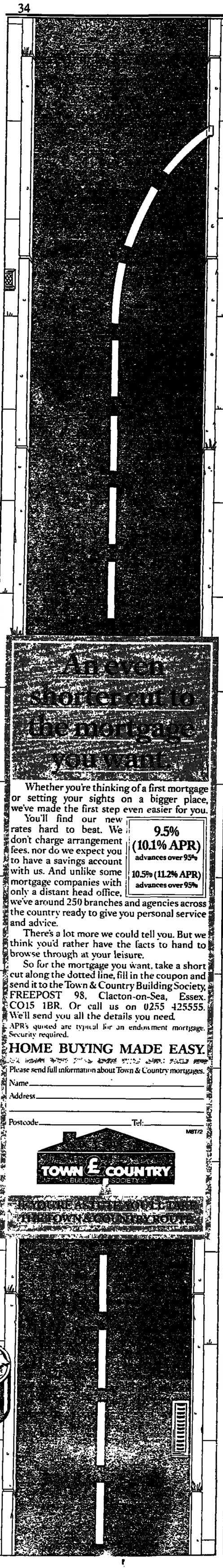
If you leave the pension you have accumulated inside your previous company's pension scheme, the company will have to raise it in line with

Get professional advice if needed

prices every year — up to a maximum of 5 per cent. That may provide only limited comfort but it is in sharp contrast to what happened in the past, when previous contributions often languished in the fund without any uprating at all.

Company pension schemes have considerable virtues. It is worth thinking long and hard before deciding to leave them, and, if necessary, getting professional advice. The older and more established you are, the longer and harder your thinking should be.

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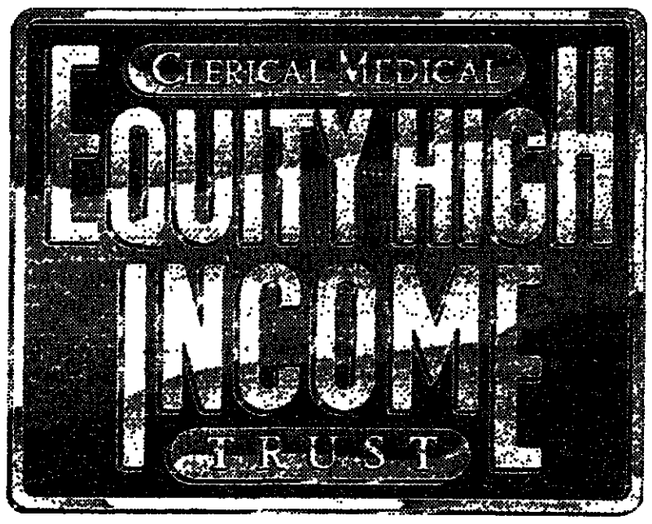
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For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 29).

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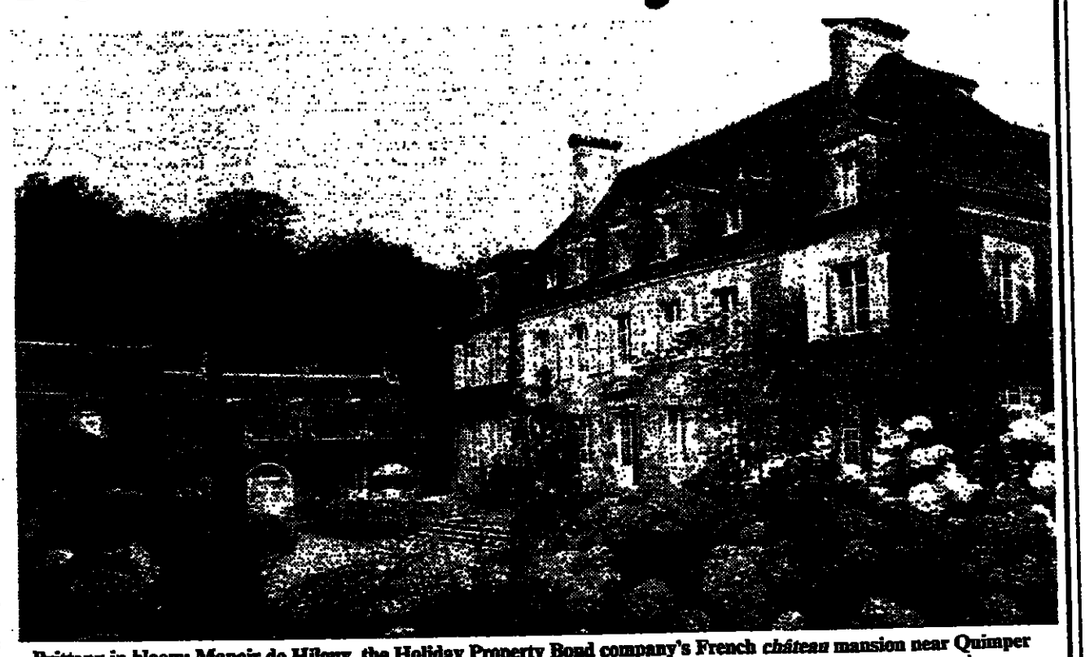
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The other holiday home

A growing number of people are buying holiday property "bonds" or "shares". They are considered alternatives to timesharing — each offering the enticing prospect of "free" holidays for life — but bond or share schemes are very different from timesharing.



Brittany in bloom: Manoir de Hilguy, the Holiday Property Bond company's French *château* mansion near Quimper

With timeshare you are buying a particular property for a specific week every year. This is not the case with bond or share schemes. With share schemes you invest in the company as a whole. With bond schemes you take out a whole life assurance policy, and instead of getting dividends from your "investment" you get points to use on the company's holiday accommodation.

Two companies operate share and bond schemes, both of them registered outside Britain. Each uses the word investment in its sale literature, but do these companies offer a good place for your money? A lot depends on what you are comparing the schemes with.

The share system is operated by the Swiss-based Hapimag Holiday Property Club, a non-profit-making club started in 1963. To join you must buy club shares, and the money is used to build or buy holiday accommodation throughout Europe.

But these are not shares in the normal sense of the word. Like shareholders in other companies, members can attend meetings and vote on policy matters, but instead of dividends they get holiday points according to the number of club shares they hold — not according to the amount of money put in, because share prices change. Club shares cannot be sold during the first four years.

Higher charges for timeshare owners

Compared with timesharing, Hapimag offers a good deal. One club share, at present 4,900 Swiss francs or about £2,130, provides enough points to get a week in Tenerife in early September or at a Scottish castle at most times of the year. Few timeshare weeks come as cheap, even in low season.

There are annual charges, at present £68 per club share, to maintain the properties, but timeshare owners tend to have even higher maintenance charges.

On a straight investment comparison, Hapimag has not done too badly either. The club share price has respectably increased from £100 in 1963 to £2,130 in 1988, similar to the performance of many unit trust funds during that period. Into that calculation must also come the value of free holiday accommodation during the past 25 years.

Holiday Property Bond, started in 1983, is a completely different concept. It is not a non-profit-making membership club, but is owned by the Isle of Man Assurance Company. The UK agent is the Villa Owners Club, a FIMBRA member.

Basically, this is a life-covered investment bond where investors get holiday accommodation instead of a money yield.

The investments are split between new holiday property developments (40 per cent) and fixed-interest government securities (60 per cent) selected by an Isle of Man offshoot of the London merchant bankers Singer & Friedlander.

You can withdraw up to 5 per cent of the initial premium in any one year without affecting your holiday entitlement. And any bondholder can cash it in after two years without penalties.

If the bondholder dies, his heirs will get its current value plus additional benefits, depending on his age at death. The benefits vary from an extra 160 per cent if the bondholder dies under the age of 34 to 0.5 per cent if he is over 75. With Hapimag, however, the heirs directly inherit the club shares.

Savings must be taken into account

On a strict timeshare comparison, HPB offers a reasonable deal. Points awarded usually allow holiday accommodation at a lower initial cost than with timeshare. There are no maintenance charges as such but bondholders can choose between being a "gold bondholder", who pays no utility charges such as electricity but gets fewer points, and a "silver bondholder", who pays the charges but gets more points.

But as an investment HPB does not seem such a good deal. If you had invested £1,000 three years ago with HPB,it would be worth only £870 if cashed now — not a good return by anyone's standards. For example, if you take the average UK growth trust fund performance, £1,000 invested three years ago, with net income reinvested, would be worth £1,840.60, even after the October crash.

You must, however, take into account any savings you might have made in holidays during that period. For example, two weeks in a two-bedroom flat in Tenerife in August would cost 4,060 points, or £4,060. On top you have to pay for flights, which at even at cheap rates would cost about £790 for two adults and two children.

A holiday for the same family in a two-bedroom flat in Tenerife, organized with inclusive flights by Thomas Cook, would cost you £1,324 — or about £500 more than the outlay for the holiday bondholder.

If the £4,060 had been invested in a UK growth fund three years ago and you had taken out your holiday money every year, your initial investment would still be worth £4,869. The calculations take into account that it would cost you about £700 to get £500 net, or more if you are a higher-rate taxpayer — one of the advantages of HPB is that your holiday points are not taxed. However, your holiday property bonds for the same amount would be worth only £3,720.

Though all investments must be regarded as something of a gamble, the indications are that HPB is not a particularly good one.

Eveline Hunter

Millions for young buyers

Building societies shied away from 100 per cent mortgages after they brought poor payment records, but now that funds are plentiful and interest rates are tumbling they are a little less nervous about lending the full valuation price of property.

The National & Provincial Building Society has just set aside £100 million for 100 per cent mortgages. It is a timely move for the young single buyers who want to club together for multiple tax relief before August 1 when it disappears.

Borrowers in the South-East can borrow up to £80,000. The limit elsewhere in the country is £60,000.

The society is building some protection for itself into these more risky loans by imposing a higher interest rate — one percentage point more than normal.

At the same timeMortgage Express, a subsidiary of the TSB, is joining a number of lenders offering special deals for unmarried couples wanting to beat the August 1 deadline for multiple tax relief.

Mortgage Express is offering to lend up to £7,500 more than would normally be allowed to a couple under its standard criteria. The offer applies to joint loans above £30,000. For every £1,000 above this figure that still qualifies for relief, Mortgage Express will lend an additional £250.

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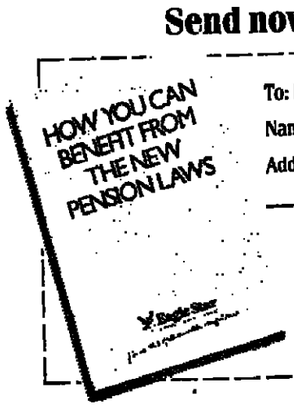
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LEGAL & FINANCIAL

Drums along the M25

This week, Derek Lewis will join the band of missionaries taking the legal gospel according to the City of London to the provincial outposts, writes Edward Fennell. But will the natives swallow it? Or him?



Our thoughts and best wishes go out today to Derek Lewis, a partner with that distinguished law firm Theodore Goddard, who will soon be leaving us. With characteristic courage, Derek is leading an idealistic team of young solicitors to colonize a remote and lawless region and to bring the benefit of civilization to the natives.

Others may sit secure in the City and sup in the partners' dining-rooms. But they would do well to think next Thursday of Derek Lewis whose mission takes him far beyond the City Road, to scale Crouch Hill, traverse Hadley Green and even venture across the M25 to land, God willing, in a place which goes by the name of St Albans. There he will endeavour to establish an outpost of decency and plain dealing and to nurture amongst the native Albanese a high regard for doing business in the City way.

Already, I understand, some contacts have been made with the local headmen and, assuming a fair wind, by lunchtime on Thursday Mr Lewis will be addressing a group of notables in the Sopwell House Hotel. Although an interpreter will be on hand to help, I am reliably assured that Mr Lewis has been taking lessons in the Hertfordshire dialect and is confident that his message will be understood.

But what is it that inspires such high endeavour? After all, when every solicitor seems to be able to coin it within shouting distance of London Wall, why bother to trek beyond the most distant outreach of even the Northern Line?

Well, as you might imagine, in the best traditions of British colonialism Theodore Goddard is motivated by a keen sense of philanthropy.

"We were approached by a number of leading accountants who were concerned about the quality of legal advice available to their clients in the St Albans area," explained William Rogers, a leading partner in the firm. "We don't intend to take away the bread and butter from local solicitors but we do want the local business community to know that we are there to offer a high quality City service if they want it."

Theodore Goddard is not the only City firm venturing into the unmapped regions to establish a satellite office. A month ago, pioneers from Turner Kenneth Brown took what might be regarded as the even bolder step of opening an office in Abbots Walk, Reading. The senior partner, David Wightman, commented: "We are establishing a 'City on the doorstep' service for clients based in the area and others who feel the need for the type of back-up and connections that are more readily available from the City firm of lawyers."

What is happening, of course, is an attempt by some of the more energetic City firms to move in on the thriving businesses which are developing in the hothouse environment of the South East motorway network. All right, it might not be quite as exciting as setting up in Tokyo or Beijing, but why travel half way around the world when you can do interesting new business down the road?

Reading, of course, is the booming centre of the M4 silicon corridor, while St Albans has done well out of the M25. Other towns in similar positions (Guildford, for example) are likely to be targetted for the same treatment. In the fight to secure as clients the enterprising companies which characterize these areas, the fact that you are "on the doorstep" could be a notable advantage.

The phenomenon is not, however, confined to London. On May 2, Alexander Tatham, the major Manchester practice, will be opening its first satellite office in Warrington. Again the motorway system is an important feature. Squcezed between the M6 and the M62, Warrington is another growth area with new businesses doing well. Rather than wait for the potential new clients to find their way through to the centre of Manchester, Alexander Tatham has taken the initiative and gone to them.

Getting close to the client is of course just one part of a marketing strategy. But it can also be remarkably effective because it represents in concrete terms the fact that you are open for business to the growing local company. The idea of dealing with a prestigious lawyer can still be a bit daunting to some small businessmen, so being part of the local scene, a technique refined by the bigger accountants, eases the way in.

Strangely enough, though, Theodore Goddard and Alexander Tatham both reckon that it is only possible for them to have made these moves by the virtue of modern communications. The idea of satellite offices is sometimes sneered at because they may end up as mere "one man and a dog" operations. But as John Boardman of Alexander Tatham explained, his Warrington office will be on a linked telephone line with Manchester and the Warrington partners will have the same access to the computer system, and with the aid of Fax machines there will be little noticeable difference between the services available in the two offices. In terms of status there will certainly be no distinction.

What is intriguing is the way rival selling points are made. Turner Kenneth Brown claims to bring the City to Your Doorstep. Howes Percival, the Northampton-based practice with a string of offices across the East Midlands, East Anglia and the South, reckons it is already a "City" firm in the country.

So before too long the big provincial firms and the City firms with their satellites will be locked in combat on every High Street and, frankly, it is hard to predict the outcome because the days are over when the provincial firms were prepared to play the deferential country cousin. Howes Percival, for example, with 54 solicitors and a present total of six offices, is going through a big expansion process. A new office is due outside Ipswich by the end of May and there should also be one in the City of London by the end of the year. Senior Partner Michael Percival is clearly unwilling to play second fiddle to anyone. But to get into the really big league firms like his need to grow.

Already, of course, there has been much coverage of the alternative model, best represented by the M5 Group, which has been operating now for more than 11 years. With its emphasis on being a group of five independent firms it reckons that it has come up with the formula which offers the best of both worlds, pooling resources on some things but retaining the separate identity of each practice.

With no London link, however, it lacks the vital ingredient which some might think vital for the top honours.

The upshot of all these developments is that there are now on display several different models of growth. Perhaps they will all prove successful, but somehow I doubt it. In the great shake-up which must come soon, some models will prove more resilient than others.

So as Derek Lewis leads his expedition this week into the Hertfordshire heartland there will be a lot of interest in his endeavours. He may go as a missionary. But will he return as a Conquistador?

Law Report April 16 1988 Court of Appeal

Statutory drug case assumptions

Regina v Small (Michael)

Before Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Leonard and Mr Justice Pill

[Judgment April 15]

Assumptions a judge was entitled to make under section 2 of the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 were referred to by the Court of Appeal when refusing an application for leave to appeal against an order confiscating £10,000.

Michael John Small, aged 27, described as a traveller who dealt in the black economy, applied unsuccessfully for leave to appeal against the order, made by Judge Neville at Exeter Crown Court in December.

The applicant had pleaded guilty last October to possession of cannabis and was convicted of possessing cannabis with intent to supply. Sentence was postponed for service of notices under the 1986 Act and for a social inquiry report.

Mr Anthony Heaton-Armstrong, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the applicant.

MR JUSTICE PILL, giving the judgment of the court, said that before the confiscation order was made, the applicant denied having benefited from drug trafficking and the judge said that his assessment of £10,000 was a guess.

The judge made it clear that he did not believe the applicant's evidence. The applicant had never filled in a tax return, had no records and had refused to give any satisfactory details of his financial situation.

His counsel had informed the judge that the applicant said that he did not keep records and had forgotten what sort of goods he dealt in. Police had found bank paying-in slips which suggested that he had paid large sums of money into his bank account in March 1985.

The judge referred to an expensive car equipped with a telephone in the applicant's possession and the sums of money that the applicant must have been spending weekly.

The applicant was described as a traveller who dealt in the black economy. He had a record of dishonesty.

Grounds of appeal settled by counsel stated that the applicant did not have a fair hearing. The submission had not been developed. Their Lordships were of the view that the judge did give a fair and judicial hearing to the applicant.

Also submitted was that the judge was wrong to conclude that the applicant benefited from drug trafficking and was not justified in concluding that the applicant had had £10,000 worth of assets.

The grounds of appeal did not appear fully to bear in mind the assumptions which the court was entitled to make under section 2 of the 1986 Act.

Having regard to the assumptions which the Act entitled the judge to make he was, in their Lordships' view, justified in holding (i) that the applicant benefited from drug trafficking and (ii) that the value of the proceeds of drug trafficking were £10,000.

The judge, having heard the applicant give evidence, formed the view that he was an untruthful witness who had kept no records. He had spent large sums of money in the recent past.

In most cases it was to be expected that there would be a fuller analysis of financial affairs and the amounts which might be realized from them. In the present case the applicant's attitude made that impossible.

Their Lordships could not accept the submission that a fine would be more appropriate when the difficulties were created by the applicant himself. The order was proper. The application was refused.

Nomination and appointment distinguished

Regina v North East Thames Regional Health Authority, Ex parte de Groot

Before Mr Justice Hodgson

[Judgment April 14]

There was a distinction between the nomination and appointment of members to a district health authority; existing members should not have the expectation of reappointment for that would fetter the discretion of the regional health authority in its appointment of members.

Mr Justice Hodgson so held in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing the application of Lucy de Groot to quash the decision of the North East Thames Regional Health Authority on July 20, 1987 not to reappoint her to the position of economic development officer for the City and Hackney Health Authority.

Mr John Melville Williams, QC and Mr Tim Kerr for the applicant; Mr Charles Flint for the regional health authority.

MR JUSTICE HODGSON said that the applicant was appointed on July 18, 1984 to the City and Hackney Health Authority. The appointment ended on September 30, 1987, less than four years later as the applicant had replaced a siting member. The regional health authority decided not to reappoint the applicant and instead appointed another person on September 28, 1987.

His Lordship observed that both the grounds and the relief sought had, with his leave, been amended since they had been presented to the single judge in chambers for leave to appeal for judicial review.

The original ground that non-reappointment by the regional health authority was made in furtherance of an ulterior motive arising from the applicant's political views and/or activities was disturbing. Had it been persisted in it would have been hotly contested. There had not nor had there ever been any shred of evidence to support that.

The applicant had deposed that a serious triable issue arose because she had been unjustly or unlawfully singled out for non-reappointment because of her political views and because she worked for a trade union support unit. That was untrue for although the applicant had done so she had not been working there for at least two years.

Leave to move had been granted *ex parte* and, his Lordship said, there should always be complete candour and care in completing Form 86A and in the evidence supporting it. The error here was inadvertent and was not deliberate but inadvertence should have been avoided.

Appointments to the district health authority by a regional health authority were governed by Schedule 5 to the National Health Service Act 1977 and the National Health Service (Regional and District Health Authorities, Membership and Procedure) Regulations (SI 1983 No 315)

A district health authority consisted of a chairman appointed by the Secretary of State for Social Services and a specified number of members nominated by representative bodies within the medical profession and federations of concerned worker organizations. Schedule 5 to the National Health Service Act 1977 made the requirement by the regional health authority to consult a very large field.

The applicant was a member of the south east region of the Trades Union Congress who refused to put forward any other name than the applicant's for reappointment. They maintained that it was their practice to put forward only one name, as here, where it wished the existing incumbent to be reappointed.

Their desire to "renominate them unopposed" showed a lack of understanding of the process and their failure to understand the distinction between nomination and appointment. The reliance placed by the south east region of the TUC on the appointed persons' expectations to be reappointed was not justified for it would fetter the regional health authority's discretion in making appointments from nominations to the district health authority. Acceptance of the applicant's submission would give security of tenure to those appointed.

Solicitors: Seifert Sedley Williams; Beachcrofts.

Selectivity valid in fishing control

Regina v Minister of Agriculture Fisheries and Food, Ex parte Graham and Another

Before Mr Justice McCowan

[Judgment March 24]

An order under section 26(1) of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 could provide for some degree of selectivity provided there was a valid reason for making the order, such as a desire to control illegal fishing.

Mr Justice McCowan so held in the Queen's Bench Division in dismissing an application by Walter Graham and Ernest Newman for judicial review of a decision of the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food whereby he confirmed, with modifications, the North West Water Authority (Limitation of Heave or Haaf Net Licences — Solway Firth) Order 1986.

Mr Thomas Hegarty for the applicants; Mr Guy Sankey for the minister; Mr Simon Newton for the water authority.

MR JUSTICE McCOWAN said that the the 1975 Act was not restricted to conservation purposes. It would have been very easy for Parliament to say that the purpose of section 26 was conservation if it had so intended. It had not. The only express reference to conservation was in section 26(5).

It was therefore open to a water authority to limit the number of licences it granted for the purposes of good management.

The purpose of the order was to prevent illegal fishing. There was bound to be a limitation of the number of licences granted and some selectivity would be necessary.

Section 26(1)(b) could not be read separately from 26(1)(a). They were linked by the word "and". As a result it was clear that Parliament had envisaged that respectable people would be disappointed in their applications for a licence. That was the route Parliament had chosen for controlling numbers.

As the reason for the order was valid there was nothing wrong at all in there being some selectivity in the grant of licences.

Solicitors: Bendle Doods & Co, Carlisle; Solicitor, MAFF; Mr W. H. Crackle, Warrington.

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Bluebook back with vengeance to stake claim

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Bluebook recaptured the ability that made her one of the top two-year-old fillies in the country last season when quickening to a decisive victory in the Gainsborough Stud Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury yesterday.

But Lord Tavistock's Secretariat filly is still not *certain to join her stable* companion, Diminuendo, in the line-up for the General Accident 1,000 Guineas, for which Ladbrokes have cut her price from 20-1 to 12-1.

"We'll have to see how she gets on in the next fortnight," said Henry Cecil. "She seems to *have got over her hard race at* York. She thought about it for a moment, but at the end she did it well."

Given a patient and sympathetic ride by Steve Cauthen, *Bluebook*, who had drifted from 2-1 to 5-1 in the market, was settled *in behind the leaders* as Walter Swinburn cut out the early running on Lustre.

The 7-4 favourite weakened as Bluebook set sail for *home 1½* furlongs out. Both Thaidah and Timely launched determined attacks inside the distance, but Bluebook lengthened her stride and stayed on strongly to win by a length, with a length and a half separating the second and third.

Successful at Newmarket and Ascot in 1987, *Bluebook* was bred by her owner, Lord Tavistock, who had a stroke a few weeks ago. "He is coming along nicely and watched the race on television," said Cecil. "This will have cheered *him* up." The absent owner will also *have been delighted* by the news that Pushy, Bluebook's dam, delivered a colt foal by Shadeed on Thursday night.



Henry Cecil: delaying decision on Bluebook

Predictable reaction from the bookmakers to yesterday's trial was to shorten Ravinella's odds to 11-8, as the French attempt to win the 1,000 for the third time in the past seven years. Dabaweyaa and Diminuendo are both on offer at *8-1 with* Ghariba a 10-1 chance.

At the start of the afternoon Cecil had watched Peleus and Cauthen beaten *four lengths by* John Reid on Geoffrey Wragg's Kalakate in the opening Spring Maiden Stakes. One From Above, Sheikh Mohammed's half-brother to Milligram by Shirley Heights, has started favourite at 7-4, but could only finish fifth.

"*My horses are nearly* three weeks behind schedule this year," said the seven times champion trainer. "We've had so much wet ground and a few holds-ups. They just aren't firing yet."

Brooks 'not right man'

Paul Cook, president of the Jockeys' Association, refused to comment in any detail at Newbury races yesterday about the sacking of their secretary, Jack Brooks (Michael Seely writes).

"There's nothing really to add *to our solicitor Matthew* McCloy's statement," he said. "Mr Brooks had a provisional contract for six months which expired on April 1. We've simply decided that he wasn't the right man for the job."

In order to give the jockeys' views about such controversial issues as the use of the whip, other disciplinary matters and the question of payment for appearance on satellite television, Brooks put into affect a two-day ban at Doncaster, forbidding his members to talk to the press or appear on television. At the time *it had* appeared an ill-judged and unnecessary move.

Brooks, aged 58, a former RAF officer, school bursar and golf club secretary, said: "I was not given any explanation apart from the fact that the association was not satisfied."

Leniently-weighted Castle Warden to collect for Bradley

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Graham Bradley takes over from the injured Tom Morgan *on the John Edwards-trained* Castle Warden in this afternoon's Ir£100,000 Jameson Irish Grand National, over 3½ miles at Fairyhouse.

Castle Warden appears much better handicapped this year than last when he finished fourth to Brittany Boy. On that occasion Castle Warden carried 11st 5lb, while today he is on the lenient mark of *10st 8lb*.

I note that Sound Judgement, who *finished sixth in the 1987* running, now meets Castle Warden *on a stone worse terms*. Furthermore Castle Warden, in winning at Sandown Park last time out, has provided recent evidence of his well-being.

The most intriguing of his Irish competitors must be Mas*ter Aristocrat VI*, who *is* the champion hunter chaser in Ireland this spring. In what has been his first season of 'competition, Master Aristocrat has yet to be headed in three starts and while he provided a 25-1 surprise first time out when beating Howyanow at Thurles, there will be no such fancy odds available as he attempts the difficult transition from hunter chasing to grade one handicaps.

Abbey Glen, who finished runner-up in the Arkle Trophy at Cheltenham to Danish Flight, will also be competing for the first time in a *handicap* chase. The question mark concerns his ability to stay 3½ miles, but he certainly boasts the best turn of speed.

Ireland's handicap specialist Arthur Moore has three runners, the pick of which looks to be Have A Barney. However, he collected an *8lb* penalty when scoring over this circuit on Easter Monday.

Feltrim Hill Lad, a staying sixth to Have A Barney, looks the best outsider.

IRISH NATIONAL LINE-UP C4 BBC1

Going: good

3.40 JAMESON *IRISH GRAND NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE* (Listed race: Grade I: £55,200: 3m 4f) (18 runners)

1 110P-19 SUPER FURROW 31 (B) (Mrs M Marshall) J J O'Neill 8-12-0 M Treacey
2 11211-2 ABBEY GLEN 32 (BF,C) (Mrs G T Mckay) P Hughes 6-11-7 F Berry
3 112121 HAVE A BARNEY 12 (C) (P Doyle) A Moore 7-10-10 T Taaffe
4 12F080 SOUND JUDGEMENT 12 (C) (Sir J Thomson) J Dreaper 9-10-10 K Morgan
5 380121 CASTLE WARDEN 18 (M Shone) J Edwards 11-10-8 G Bradley
6 F11F40 FELTRIM HILL LAD 12 (C) (Mrs P Leeman) P Griffin 7-10-1 M Lynch
7 4P0P10 CAPTAIN BATNAC 17 (B,C) (J Stirling) J Stirling 10-10-0 C O'Dwyer
8 1P2443 CEOLBRIDGE BABY 12 (B,C) (V Holton) J O'Brien 7-10-0 M Fitzsimons
9 403131 CRANLOME 23 (C) (Mrs F Fanning) M Morris 10-10-0 T Ryan
10 30/000F FAIR IS FAIR 30 (C) (Mrs J Musgrave) K Hitchmough 10-10-0 P Leech
11 111 MASTER ARISTOCRAT VI 11 (C) (P Lehane) P Lehane 7-10-0 Mr L Cusack
12 422F/00- MASTER ELLIOT VI 668 (H Downes) H de Bromhead 11-10-0 F Woods
13 1-041F2 NO HASTLE VI 5 (BF,C) (G Ruttle) E McNamara 8-10-0 A Powell
14 P241P8 NOBLE MUSIC 18 (A Ford) P Blockley 8-10-0 R Crank
15 U1311-0 PERRIS VALLEY 12 (C) (M Smurfit) D Weld 7-10-0 B Sheridan
16 114122 ROCKFERSISTAN 12 (T Coffey) J Kiely 8-10-0 C Swan
17 213212 *SERGEANT SPRITE 42 (C Jones) A Moore 8-10-0* P Gill
18 110140 THINKING CAP 35 (BF,C) (Mrs S Barratt) A Moore 7-10-0 P Malone

BETTING: 5-1 Have A Barney, 11-2 Master Aristocrat VI, 6-1 Abbey Glen, 8-1 Castle Warden, Sound Judgement, 10-1 Super Furrow, 12-1 Rockfersistan.

1987: BRITTANY BOY 8-10-0 K Hitchmough T J Taaffe 8-10-0 (14-1) 26 ran

FORM ABBEY GLEN (11-8) 2l 2nd to Danish Flight (11-8) at Cheltenham (2m, £32148, soft, Mar 15, 12 ran).

HAVE A BARNEY (10-7) beat ROCKFERSISTAN (9-9) 5l here (2m 6f, £19500, good, Apr 4, 14 ran) with SOUND JUDGEMENT (11-1) 11l 5th and FELTRIM HILL LAD (10-6) 6th.

CAPTAIN BATNAC (11-8) best effort beat Flame Dancer (10-1) ¾l at Downpatrick (3m 4f, £2070, good to soft, Feb 24, 14 ran) with CRANLOME (11-7) 8l 3rd.

CASTLE WARDEN (11-3) beat Western Sunset (11-10) 6l at Sandown (3m 118yd, £5889, soft, Mar 29, 4 ran).

CRANLOME (12-0) beat Sandymount (11-4) at Gowran (3m, £1725, heavy, Mar 24, 9 ran).

MASTER ARISTOCRAT VI (11-12) beat More Action (11-12) 20l here (3m hunter chase, £3450, good, Apr 5, 9 ran).

SERGEANT SPRITE (11-10) 8l 2nd to Golden Freeze (11-10) at Naas (2m 40yd, £5900, good to soft, Mar 5, 5 ran).

Selection: CASTLE WARDEN

BANGOR

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Kodiak Island. 2.45 Baies. 3.15 Mynah Key. 3.50 Yahoo. 4.25 Aughavogue. 4.55 Gold'N Soft. 5.25 Forever Blue.

Going: good to soft (soft patches)

2.15 ALFRED MCALPINE PROPERTY NOVICES HURDLE (£741: 2m 4f) (18 runners)

6 2021 KODIAK ISLAND 14 (S) O Sherwood 6-11-9 S Sherwood
9 2000 AUTUMN SPORT 12 (BF,F,G) J Edwards 7-11-3 C Grant
12 0P-0 BILLION MELODY 108 Mrs J Evans 6-11-3 Miss L Wallace
13 40PF BOLD ANSWER 12 W Clay 5-11-3 Diane Clay (7)
15 COLD AND BOLD O O'Neill 7-11-3 W Humphreys (4)
21 0-00 GLYNCEIRIOG 7 R Francis 5-11-3 —
22 -00U GOLDEN BAVARD 38 C Tinkler 7-11-3 M Bowlby
28 0/PP HABANNE 12 P Anderson 8-11-3 T Wall
38 00-P SPEY HAWK 7 R Peacock 7-11-3 —
43 0-00 TUDOR JUSTICE 12 F Jordan 6-11-3 —
44 0000 UNCLES CHOICE 12 (B) E Owen 5-11-3 D J Burchell (4)
45 -030 WIGTOWN BAY 12 J Mackie 5-11-3 —
48 600 DOLLY WARDANCE 11 N Brookes 5-10-12 Mr N Brookes
50 4F0P GRAYROSE DOUBLE 21 E Owen 5-10-12 P Scudamore
51 INDEBAR TWO M James 7-10-12 Sharron James
55 QUICK TRADER 7412F D Moffatt 6-10-12 —
57 0040 SPANDULAY 17 J Wharton 7-10-12 S O'Neill
58 0/P0 WIND CHIMES 12 P Anderson 9-10-12 —

BETTING: 4-6 Kodiak Island, 4-1 Autumn Sport, 12-1 Spandulay, 14-1 Grayrose Double, 16-1 others.

2.45 ALFRED McALPINE CONSTRUCTION NOVICES CHASE (£3,579: 2m) (9)

4 0210 BAIES 42 (G,S) F Winter 6-11-7 P Scudamore
5 4011 BEE GARDEN 16 (B,D,G,S) P Bailey 7-11-7 B Powell
9 21P3 HOW NOW 12 (B,D,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-7 M Pitman
11 -U30 MISTER KILO 158 A W Jones 7-11-7 —
12 14P0 OBSERVER CORPS 26 (F,S) Mrs W Sykes 7-11-7 H Davies
14 00P0 ROCK PRINCE 7 E Owen 6-11-7 D J Burchell
19 FFP0 SMITH'S LAD 14 O Brennan 5-11-7 M Brennan
23 4034 UPHAM GAMBLE 14 (D,G,S) D Gandolfo 7-11-7 S Smith Eccles
27 U0F0 SPARTAN NATIVE 16 W Clay 6-11-2 —

BETTING: 3-1 Bee Garden, 7-2 How Now, 4-1 Baies, 9-2 Observer Corps, 5-1 Upham Gamble, 20-1 others.

3.15 ALFRED McALPINE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,078: 3m) (20)

2 2332 MYNAH KEY 31 (D,S) S Christian 7-11-10 A Mulholland (7)
3 1-00 MAMORA BAY 11 (S) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-5 M Pitman
6 1-0P VISTULE 12 (F) Miss S Wilton 6-10-9 S Davies (7)
7 UFUP PATRICK'S FAIR 108 (D,F,G,S) R Peacock 12-10-7 —
8 00 POLLEN BEE 37 (G,S) O Sherwood 7-10-5 S Sherwood
9 6004 TROY FAIR 19 (S) J Edwards 6-10-4 C Grant
10 P0P1 RYMER KING 11 (F,S) J Chugg 6-10-3 (5ex) M Bowlby
14 0002 KNIGHT'S HEIR 18 (G,S) O Brennan 7-10-0 M Brennan
16 4324 CONNAUGHT CLEANERS 12 (BF,F) Wm Price 8-10-0 A Price (7)
17 FF40 AISLING GEAL 12 (B) D Gandolfo 8-10-0 S Sherwood (7)
18 -200 MIRAMAC 56 (G,S) F H Lee 7-10-0 B Powell
20 8400 ESPERO 10 C Vernon Miller 7-10-0 R Hyett
21 030P SNOOKER TABLE 152 (G) Mrs J Evans 5-10-0 Miss L Wallace
22 UU03 GENERALISE 12 (S) G Thorner 6-10-0 S O'Neill
23 0020 ACTIA 12 E Owen 7-10-0 D J Burchell (4)
24 2P00 HIGH BARN 108 (D,S) W Morris 9-10-0 W Morris
25 0/PP RUGGED ROAD 12 R Francis 8-10-0 —
26 000P MITILINI 12 (S) B Preece 8-10-0 P Miller (7)
28 0000 KIMACERO 7 P Hamer 10-10-0 Mr C Bridgett
32 P/F- GO TO SLEEP 431 (S) P Anderson 8-10-0 T Wall

Long handicap: Knight's Heir 9-13, Connaught Cleaners 9-12, Aisling Geal 9-10, Miramac 9-10, Espero 9-4, Snooker Table 9-3, Generalise 9-2, Actia 9-1, High Barn 9-0, Rugged Road 8-12, Mitilini 8-12, Kimacero 8-4, Go To Sleep 7-11.

BETTING: 4-1 Mynah Key, 9-2 Rymer King, 5-1 Troy Fair, 6-1 Pollen Bee, 8-1 Knights Heir, 10-1 others.

3.50 ALFRED MCALPINE CHASE (Limited handicap: £5,989: 3m) (7)

1 2118 YAHOO 30 (D,F,G,S) J Edwards 7-11-10 B Powell
3 43F2 GALA'S IMAGE 8 (B,F,G,S) Mrs M Rimell 8-11-0 D Browne
4 F211 HANDY TRICK 12 (D,F,G,S) W A Stephenson 7-10-12 (5ex) C Grant
10 100U PEMBROKESHIRE LAD 17 (S) R Lee 7-10-7 B Dowling
11 1100 CHIPPED METAL 32 (CD,F,G,S) R Francis 9-10-7 S J O'Neill
12 0111 KOUROS 14 (G,S) O Brennan 9-10-7 M Brennan
16 0/PP ROYAL NORMAN 12 (B,C,D,G,S) A Brisbourne 12-10-7 M Brisbourne

Long handicap: Pembrokeshire Lad 10-1, Chipped Metal 10-1, Kouros 10-0, Royal Norman 8-3.

BETTING: 5-4 Yahoo, 5-2 Handy Trick, 5-1 Galas Image, 8-1 Kouros, 10-1 Chipped Metal, 16-1 others.

4.25 *ALFRED MCALPINE HOMES NOVICES* HANDICAP CHASE (£2,536: 2m 4f) (4)

1 1120 *STAY ON TRACKS 30 (D,F,G) W A Stephenson* 8-11-10 C Grant
4 0111 AUGHAVOGUE 7 (D,F,G,S) J Edwards 6-10-4 (7ex) B Powell
13 0044 KAMAG 7 (F,G,S) D Holly 10-10-0 P Johnson (7)
18 32P- GRANGE HILL GIRL 364 P Blockley 7-10-0 J D Doyle

Long handicap: Kamag 6-12, Grange Hill Girl 6-1.

BETTING: Evens Aughavogue, 11-10 Stay On Tracks, 16-1 Kamag, 25-1 Grange Hill Girl.

4.55 ALFRED MCALPINE MINERALS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,889: 2m) (14)

2 213 AFARISTOUN 22 (D,S) J Edwards 11-11 B Powell
3 11F3 STORM OF PLENTY 35 (D,G,S) S Christian 11-11 A Mulholland (7)
4 0000 RECORD FLIGHT 14 (D,S) G Ham 11-7 S Mackey (7)
5 3221 LOTTIE'S FURY 10 (D,G) W A Stephenson 11-7 (5ex) C Grant
9 1004 CHANTILLY LACE 11F (D,S) Mrs A Knight 11-1 G Knight
10 0000 NATIVE SMILE 35 (B) D Wilson 10-11 S Sherwood
15 0012 BEAULIEU BAY 11 (V,D,G) K Wingrove 10-7 W Worthington
16 3004 ICHI BAN SON 11 (B) A Smith 10-6 —
17 F140 GLEN WEAVING 69 (S) Mrs S Oliver 10-6 R Hyett
19 4016 SPRINGING SIDNEY 12 (S) D Burchell 10-5 D J Burchell (4)
22 1030 HUNS ROYAL 14 (S) R Dickin 10-3 M Jones (7)
23 201F GOLD 'N SOFT 22 (D,S) J O'Shea 10-3 J D Doyle
24 4P04 YOUNG MORETON 14 A Turnell 10-2 I Lawrence (7)
28 P40 HAIL A CAB 45 R Brazington 10-0 W Humphreys

BETTING: 4-1 Lottie's Fury, 9-2 Afaristoun, 5-1 Springing Sidney, 6-1 Storm Of Plenty, 8-1 Young Moreton, 10-1 others.

5.25 ALFRED MCALPINE PROPERTY NOVICES HURDLE (£736: 2m 4f) (18)

1 3114 FOREVER BLUE 8 (D,G) W A Stephenson 5-12-1 C Grant
7 21P0 LLANARMON 7 (S) N Henderson 5-11-9 S Smith Eccles
10 0-F0 AVRAEAS 3 D Moffatt 9-11-3 —
19 0-0 GALA MONK 10 M Oliver 6-11-3 E Buckley
20 00 GLENCOE BOY 10 J O'Shea 5-11-3 J D Doyle
25 00PP JACOTIN 7 G H Jones 10-11-3 G Jones
26 /0-0 KING OF HEARTS 12 E Owen 9-11-3 D J Burchell (4)
30 0000 MELROSIAN 12 J Birkett 8-11-3 —
33 50 PROPLUS 119 J Edwards 6-11-3 S Sherwood
34 0S-F RAJA KHAN 289 K Wingrove 7-11-3 W Worthington
35 003 ROARS OF APPLAUSE 25 D Ringer 6-11-3 M Brennan
39 000P SPRING PALM 17F R Peacock 5-11-3 —
42 3 TOP O' TH' GREEN 22 J Edwards 5-11-3 B Powell
46 ASSUMPTION 133 R Brazington 5-10-12 B Wright
47 FP BLUE GIFT 7 (B) M James 11-10-12 —
49 0060 EYE SIGHT 12 R Francis 5-10-12 S J O'Neill
58 F0 SIDHE GAOTH 10 E Wheeler 5-10-12 M Pitman
61 F0 LYN RAE 84 P Anderson 4-10-5 T Wall

BETTING: 11-4 Forever Blue, 7-2 Llanarmon, 4-1 Top O'Th'Green, 7-1 Roars Of Applause, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Mrs S Oliver, 5 winners from 17 runners, 29.4%; D Gandolfo, 5 from 21, 23.8%; O O'Neill, 5 from 25, 20.0%; J Edwards, 6 from 33, 18.2%; Mrs W Sykes, 5 from 31, 16.1%; Mrs M Rimell, 5 from 32, 15.6%.

JOCKEYS: C Grant, 3 winners from 4 rides, 75.0%; P Scudamore, 8 from 32, 25.0%; B Dowling, 4 from 21, 19.0%; M Brisbourne, 3 from 26, 11.5%. (Only qualifiers).

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Selections

By Mandarin

1.45 Fridu. 2.15 Cannon's Way. 2.45 Bean Boy. *3.15 Intimate Guest. 3.45 Powder Keg. 4.15* Nazirzad. 4.45 Mere Melody. 5.15 Main Objective.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.45 Shadow Minister. 2.15 Creeker. 3.15 Ghathanfar. 3.45 Power Keg. 4.15 Nazirzad. 5.15 Man Ray.

Going: good to firm

Draw: 5f-6f, high numbers best

1.45 BYLAND *MAIDEN STAKES* (Div I: 3-Y-O: £1,811: 1m) (14 runners)

2 000- ALDRA BOND 221 G Moore 9-0 C Coates 8
8 0- CHARLES DEVON LAD 178 H Wharton 9-0 D Nicholls 13
9 0- CHERRY CHAP 194 D Chapman 9-0 S Webster 4
11 0- COATBRIDGE BUILDER 298 W Pearce 9-0 K Hodgson 9
15 22- FRIDU 193 L Cumani 9-0 Ray Guest 6
28 NO QUARTER GIVEN P Felgate 9-0 A Mackay 12
32 00- SASSY NEPHEW 186 J W Watts 9-0 N Connorton 10
34 0- SHADOW MINISTER 169 M Stoute 9-0 M Giles (7) 14
35 0- STAGE VILLAIN 232 B Hills 9-0 G Duffield 11
36 3 STAND AT EASE 12 Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 M Beecroft 7
37 0-0 TAGS CLOWN 12 K Ivory 9-0 A Proud 5
41 00- VALIANT END 192 A Stewart 9-0 C Dwyer 2
45 ALVELEY J Etherington 8-11 K Darley 1
47 0- BRYDONNA 322 C Tinkler 8-11 M Birch 3

BETTING: 4-5 Fridu, 4-1 Valiant End, 6-1 Shadow Minister, 8-1 Stand At Ease, 10-1 Sassy Nephew, 12-1 others.

2.15 CLIFTON STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,717: 5f) (9)

1 1 CANNON'S WAY 21 (D,S) J Berry 9-4 J Carroll 7
3 1 DENHAM GREEN 23 (D,S) S Muldoon 9-4 J H Brown 9
4 2 BARRYS GAMBLE 21 T Fairhurst 8-11 S Whitworth 3
6 0 CREEKER 23 C Wall 8-11 P Hamblett 4
8 NAVAL FAN M H Easterby 8-11 M Birch 8
9 NO MORE THE FOOL J Berry 8-11 K Darley 2
10 SANDHURST STAR M Brittain 8-11 M Wigham 6
11 TOPHAMS Ron Thompson 8-11 R P Elliott 5
12 2 AGAPAE 19 N Tinkler 8-6 Kim Tinkler 1

BETTING: 3-1 Cannon's Way, 7-2 Barrys Gamble, 5-1 Agapae, Denham Green, 8-1 No More The Fool.

2.45 STRAITLACE HANDICAP (£2,627: 1m 4f) (11)

1 00-0 DESERT OF WIND 8 (CD,F,G) R Hollinshead 5-9-10 S Perks 1
2 0-00 POSITIVE WAY 5 (D,G) S Muldoon 4-9-8 J H Brown 4
5 001- FOUR STAR THRUST 181 (CD,F,G) R Whitaker 6-9-2 Dean McKeown 3
7 2-24 LOTUS ISLAND 14 (B,BF,F,G) N Tinkler 4-8-12 Kim Tinkler 6
8 00-0 PHILOTAS 22 (G) Denys Smith 4-8-12 M Fry 11
9 211- UNCLE WILKO 287 (CD,F,S) T Barron 4-8-11 D Nicholls 5
10 0/0- MOUNT OLYMPUS 364 J W Watts 5-8-8 N Connorton 9
11 01-0 BEAN BOY 22 (CD,F,S) M H Easterby 10-8-7 M Birch 2
12 0-00 CAMMAC LAD 12 (D,G) C Tinkler 4-8-0 M Wood 8
13 420- MISS LAMB 226 (F) Miss S Hall 4-8-0 P Burke (7) 10
14 00-0 LARNEM 10 (F,G) T Fairhurst 5-7-7 L Charnock 7

Long handicap: Larnem 6-10

BETTING: 11-8 Lotus Island, 9-2 Miss Lamb, 5-1 Uncle Wilko, 6-1 Four Star Thrust, 15-2 Bean Boy, 8-1 others.

3.15 'BACK A WINNER BY TRAIN' CLASSIC TRIAL (3-Y-O: £5,526: 1m) (6)

2 101- FORTINBRAS 205 (F,G) E Weymes 9-3 — 2
4 43-0 BIRSTWITH 14 (S) C Elsey 9-0 N Connorton 4
5 211- INTIMATE GUEST 196 (D,F,G,S) H Cecil 9-0 W Ryan 6
6 12 RAMBO'S HALL 12 (S) J Glover 9-0 Dean McKeown 1
10 120- BORDER GUARD 203 (F,G) B Hills 8-10 G Duffield 3
11 1- GHATHANFAR 156 (S) Thomson Jones 8-10 M Birch 5

BETTING: 11-8 Intimate Guest, 7-4 Border Guard, 4-1 Ghathanfar, 10-1 Rambo's Hall, 16-1 Birstwith, 20-1 Fortinbras.

3.45 THIRSK HALL EBF STAKES (£8,784: 6f) (16)

1 6-12 DAWN'S DELIGHT 12 (D,G,S) K Ivory 10-10-0 M Wigham 13
3 000- POWDER KEG 287 (CD,F,G,S) Lord J FitzGerald 6-10-0 G Baxter 16
4 00-0 LOCHIVOR 21 (C,G,S) M H Easterby 4-9-10 M Birch 8
5 0-04 FOURWALK 14 (D,F,S) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-7 Dean McKeown 11
7 00-2 CRAGSIDE 21 (D,F,S) G Moore 6-9-0 D Nicholls 12
8 00-0 EVER SO SHARP 5 (F,G) J P Smith 5-9-0 N Day 3
9 00-0 EVICHSTAR 14 (F) J G FitzGerald 4-9-0 K Fallon 6
10 00-0 REBEL RAISER 12 (F) M Ryan 4-9-0 G Duffield 7
11 230- WHIPPER IN 302 (F,S) J Etherington 4-9-0 K Darley 15
13 2- JANNUBI 367 P Cole 4-8-9 T Quinn 9
14 00-0 DIACO 14 (B,CD,G) R Hollinshead 3-8-8 S Perks 10
15 2-03 GREAT CHADDINGTON 14 (G,S) J Berry 3-8-8 J Carroll 14
16 4- PLICATE 193 P Harris 4-8-8 B Crossley 2
17 242- CUMBRIAN WALTZER 210 (F,G) M H Easterby 3-8-1 J Lowe 4
18 030- FAIR PORT 223 (F) A Bailey 3-8-1 J Bleasdale 5
19 120- MARTIAL LAW 199 (F) J W Watts 3-8-1 N Connorton 1

BETTING: 100-30 Great Chaddington, 4-1 Whipper In, 11-2 Cumbrian Waltzer, 8-1 Martial Law, 9-1 Fair Port, 10-1 others.

4.15 BYLAND MAIDEN STAKES (DIV II: 3-Y-O: £1,797: 1m) (13)

1 0- ADJARAYN 186 R Houghton 9-0 K Darley 8
3 AL SHAREEF 11 Mrs L Piggott 9-0 B Crossley 10
5 34- BALIMAN 186 Denys Smith 9-0 G Baxter 12
10 0- CLEAVERS GATE 193 J W Watts 9-0 N Connorton 11
12 0 CORKSCREW 21 P Calver 9-0 M Fry 2
16 00- HEIR OF EXCITEMENT 185 P Charlton 9-0 M Birch 4
18 HYDEONIUS J Glover 9-0 Dean McKeown 5
26 0- NAZIRZAD 197 M Stoute 9-0 M Giles (7) 9
27 20-4 NED'S AURA 14 M Naughton 9-0 G Duffield 8
38 02- THE FRESHES 192 W Jarvis 9-0 M Tebbutt (7) 13
39 00- TIGER TIGER 172 M W Easterby 9-0 D Nicholls 3
51 00- PRETTY PRODUCE 172 J Etherington 8-11 G Forster (7) 7
55 40-0 WHISTLING GEMMA 14 N Tinkler 8-11 Kim Tinkler 1

BETTING: 13-8 Nazirzad, 5-1 The Freshes, 6-1 Al Shareef, 8-1 Adjarayn, Baliman, 10-1 Ned's Aura, Pretty Produce.

4.45 THOMAS LORD HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,625: 5f) (13 runners)

1 311- GOLDEN FLATS 205 (D,F,G) M W Easterby 9-7 M Hindley 7
2 440- RESTLESS DON 212 (D,F) J Berry 9-6 J Carroll 11
4 242- CUMBRIAN EXPRESS 255 (D,F) M H Easterby 9-4 M Birch 3
5 140- HYDE PRINCESS 229 (CD,F,G) R Whitaker 9-3 K Bradshaw (5) 8
6 30-0 MERE MELODY 23 (D,G,S) M Brittain 9-3 M Wigham 4
7 232- *QUEEN OF ARAGON 225 (D,F) R Hollinshead 8-9* S Perks 13
8 000- ROSE SUNDAE 162 (D,S) M W Easterby 8-2 L Charnock 12
9 300- FULL BLAST 243 (B,F) Mrs N Macauley 8-2 K Darley 6
11 210- SISTER CHERYL 171 (D,F) S Norton 7-13 G Duffield 2
12 200- TINA'S SONG 200 T Barron 7-10 J Lowe 1
13 100- QUICK OR BE DAMNED 171 (D,G) D Chapman 7-8 S Wood (7) 5
14 000- NIGHT TALK 221 P Felgate 7-7 A Mackay 9
16 000- VENTO 193 R Hollinshead 7-7 G Hind (7) 10

Long handicap: Vento 7-4

BETTING: 7-2 Sister Cheryl, 9-2 Cumbrian Express, 5-1 restless Don, 6-1 Mere Melody, 15-2 Queen of Aragon.

5.15 BYLAND *MAIDEN STAKES* (3-Y-O: £1,797: 1m) (13)

7 0- BUSH HILL 165 I Matthews 9-0 N Day 10
13 0- DOVE GREY 253 C Thornton 9-0 J Bleasdale 12
17 004- HOLDENBY 194 T Fairhurst 9-0 F Perrett (7) 9
21 0- KNIGHTED DANCER 162 B Hills 9-0 E Johnson 4
22 02- MAIN OBJECTIVE 178 L Cumani 9-0 Ray Guest 13
23 2- MAN RAY 262 H Cecil 9-0 W Ryan 2
24 00- MARK AIZLEWOOD 185 R Whitaker 9-0 Dean McKeown 7
25 000- MONASTIC HABIT 250 M W Easterby 9-0 D Nicholls 5
29 PALACE JESTER J Haldane 9-0 K Darley 3
31 000- RUN FREE 168 C Wall 9-0 P Hamblett 11
33 0 SAULIRE 11 M Prescott 9-0 G Duffield 1
44 ALVECOTE LADY S Norton 8-11 J Lowe 6
50 P-00 PERSIAN JOY 12 K Stone 8-11 S Webster 8

BETTING: 10-11 Man Ray, 7-4 Main Objective, 7-1 Run Free, 10-1 Knighted Dancer, 14-1 Monastic Habit, 16-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 6 winners from 12 runners, 50.0%; B Hills, 5 from 12, 41.7%; M Stoute, 3 from 10, 30.0%; C Tinkler, 4 from 14, 28.6%; H Thomson Jones, 4 from 17, 23.5%; T Barron, 11 from 61, 18.0%.

JOCKEYS: K Bradshaw, 3 winners from 10 rides, 30.0%; N Day, 3 from 14, 21.4%; S Perks, 7 from 44, 15.9%; M Birch, 13 from 83, 15.7%; *N Connorton, 8 from 55*, 14.5%; L Charnock, 6 from 45, 13.3%.

(Not including yesterday's results)

● Pat's Jester rounded off the season with a gallant victory in the Rapid Raceline Scottish Champion Hurdle, scoring by half-length from Rushmoor. His trainer, Richard Allan, said: "This must be the best horse I have ever had, and he will follow an identical programme next year, with runs in the Ekbalco Fighting Fifth, the Bula Hurdle, then Cheltenham and back here."

Results from yesterday's four meetings

Newbury

Going: good

2.10 (1m 3f) 1, KALAKATE (J Reid, 12-1); 2, Peleus (S Cauthen, 5-2); 3, Magnus Pym (N Crowther, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav One From Above (5th), 12 Sorada (4th), 14 Alleged Spirit, Lake Mission, Rainstorm (6th), 16 Beauchamp Cactus, Don Fiorenzo, Kala Fair, 20 Freestone, Siesta Key, 25 Decider, Voltage, 33 Edenlad, Ikdam, Two Four The Queue, Mother Hen, Storming Finale, Touching Clouds. 21 ran. NR: Conor. 4l, sh hd, hd, 2l, 1l. G Wragg at Newmarket. Tote: £9.10; £2.50, £1.80, £14.00. DF: £16.90. CSF: £45.99. 2min 20.90sec.

2.40 (5f) 1, CARDINAL SIN (M Hills, 6-1); 2, Flaming Sword (T Ives, 2-1 fav); 3, Unirroyal Windway (J Reid, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Flying Junction, 8 Almost Blue (6th), 9 Pastoral Jem (4th), 16 Mallau, Viva Suenos, 20 Gunmaster, Lambourn Citizen, Runner Duck, Swinging Noe Joe. 12 ran. 1½l, ¾l, ½l, sh hd, 1¾l. B Hills at Manton. Tote: £6.40; £3.60, £1.50, £1.80. DF: £9.20. CSF: £19.96. 1min 03.85sec.

3.10 (7f 60yd) 1, BLUEBOOK (S Cauthen, 5-1; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Thaidah (Pat Eddery, 9-1); 3, Timely (M Hills, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Lustre (4th), 7-2 Silver Fling (5th), 12 Shoalih (6th), 33 Miss Chrissy. 7 ran. 1l, 1½l, 5l, nk, 4l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £3.00; £1.90, £2.60. DF: £17.00. CSF: £40.53. 1min 29.94sec.

3.40 (1m) 1, MY LAMB (J Reid, 4-1 fav; Mandarin's nap); 2, Raise Yourself (T Williams, 9-1); 3, Prince Of The Lake (A Culhane, 9-1); 4, Nadias (D McKay, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Be My Fan, 8 Bold Try (5th), 10 Baby Marie, 12 Ranyah, Festival Mood, 14 Vintage, 16 Bywell Lad, 20 Caspian Mist, George Hobart (6th), Nall Don, Park Street, 33 Mawkab, Fabled Orator. 17 ran. 1½l, sh hd, 1½l, 2l, 3l. R Johnson Houghton at Blewbury. Tote: £4.10; £1.60, £1.90, £2.10, £9.50. DF: £24.20. CSF: £39.17. Tricast: £289.60. 1min 41.15 sec. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

4.10 (5f) 1, TYRIAN BELLE (T Quinn, 5-4 fav); 2, Chain Shot (P Cook, 25-1); 3, Shay (Pat Eddery, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Awa'wi'ye (4th), 7 Donavan Rose, 10 Mummy's Charmer, 14 Wellow Wine, 16 Swing Lucky, 33 Florentynna Bay (6th), Divine Pet, Shayad, P J Kelly, Royal Dartmouth (5th), Chesil. 14 ran. ¾l, 3l, ¾l, ½l, nk. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £2.10; £1.60, £8.00, £2.00. DF: £49.00. CSF: £30.14. Tricast: £156.94. 1min 03.05sec.

4.40 (2m) 1, GREY SALUTE (Pat Eddery, 5-1); 2, Sir Crusty (S Dawson, 11-2); 3, Fourth Lad (T Quinn, 33-1); 4, Tom Sharp (P Walsh, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Penny Forum, 12 Durtto, 14 Temple Reel, Run High (6th), 16 Area Code, Dust Capacity, Exorbitant, Jackdaw, Trojan Legend (5th), 20 High Aloft, Velda, 33 Janus, Itma, Lovenko. 18 ran. NR: Royal Pageant. 3l, ¾l, 2l, 4l, nk. J Jenkins at Royston. Tote: £5.10; £1.30, £1.40, £13.50, £4.10. DF: £18.50. CSF: £32.25. Tricast: £765.28. 3min 32.90sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £5,893.13 carried forward to Newbury today). Placepot: £148.50.

Thirsk

Going: good to firm

2.15 (5f) 1, RED ROSEIN (Kim Tinkler, 5-1); 2, Lockhart (S Webster, 14-1); 3, Coq Du Nord (M Birch, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Sandmoor Cotton (5th), 8 Tumblealong, Woosie, Yuno Why, 10 Tarter Close, 14 Long Arm Of Th'Law (4th), 16 Stafford Lad, 20 Record Price, Royal Haunt (6th), Too Eager, 25 Hot Tan, Jive Music, Titian Mist. 16 ran. NR: Northern Commander, Belle Express. 1½l, hd, nk, nk, 2l. N Tinkler at Malton. Tote: £5.50; £1.60, £3.30, £1.60. DF: £53.70. CSF: £76.93.

2.45 (6f) 1, CRIMPSALL (G Duffield, 5-1); 2, Mom Sally (P Hamblett, 14-1); 3, Hiaari Hi Fi (R P Elliott, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Blue Bell Lady, 5 Midnight Racer, 11-2 Arroganza, 7 Moody Man (4th), 9 Basirah (5th), 10 Matsong, 12 Laura's Delight, Lucky Can, Orient Grey, Sugar Token, 25 Fintack, Kabcast, Miss Honeydew. 16 ran. 2½l, sh hd, 1½l, 1l, 1l. M W Easterby at Sheriff Hutton. Tote: £4.80; £1.60, £23.90, £2.80. DF: £169.30. CSF: £84.41. Bought in 3,400 guineas. Sugar Token finished fourth but was disqualified and placed last.

3.15 (1m) 1, JOVEWORTH (Dean McKeown, 7-1); 2, Sky Cat (M Birch, 7-4 fav); 3, Prince Merandi (Paul Eddery, 6-1); 4, In Glory (R Street, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Lady La Paz, 12 Try Scorer (6th), 14 Ci Siamo, 16 Miss Emily, Sharon's Royale, 20 Nafuat, Mighty Glow, Grundy Lane, Well Rigged, Lord Thatch, Air Command, Act Of Treason, Nap Majestica (5th), Knights Secret. 18 ran. 1l, 1l, 1½l, 1l, 1l. J Glover at Worksop. Tote: £8.30; £1.80, £1.20, £2.60, £3.20. DF: £11.50. CSF: £18.41. Tricast: £89.22.

3.45 (5f) 1, THORNER LANE (Dean McKeown, 13-8); 2, Sulaymi (W Ryan, 5-4 fav); 3, Music Wood (S Morris, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 12 Pelham Place (5th), 14 Bro, 16 Salax (4th), 25 Old Mother Shipton, 33 Batchworth Heath (6th), 50 Belidarius, Gold Walk. 10 ran. ¾l, 5l, ¾l, sh hd, 3l. R Whitaker at Wetherby. Tote: £2.20; £1.10, £1.10, £19.50. DF: £1.30. CSF: £3.76.

4.15 (1m 4f) 1, KNELLER (Paul Eddery, Evens fav); 2, Le Miel (J Matthias, 15-8); 3, Autonomous (G Duffield, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Elay Hatch (5th), 20 Kraybourne (6th), 33 Dark Jester, Hard To Come By (4th), 50 Sand Clipper. 8 ran. NR: Summer Fruit. ½l, 6l, 6l, ½l, 6l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £1.40, £1.60. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.21.

4.45 (7f) 1, GLENCROFT (S Webster, 33-1); 2, Scotch Imp (S Wood, 25-1); 3, Lucky Jo (J Carroll, 6-1); 4, Duckington (M Birch, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 9 Only In Gest, 10 Miami Bay (6th), Order Paper, Prospect Place, 12 Finest, Sirocko Bay, 14 Gun Happy (5th), Lonely Ramiro, 16 Linn O'Dee, 20 Four Laffs, 25 Tempt Providence, 33 Waverley Star. 16 ran. Sh hd, ¾l, nk, 1l, ½l. D Chapman at Stillington. Tote: £32.40; £9.40, £4.20, £1.40, £1.30. DF: £526.10. CSF: £821.87. Tricast: £5,006.25.

Placepot: £8.00.

Ayr

Going: good

2.0 (2m 5f ch) 1, TEAM APPROACH (Mr M Richards, 7-4 fav); 2, Sandmoor Court (Mr J M Dun, 16-1); 3, Antiguan Moon (Mr R Ford, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Waren Brig (pu), 100-30 Nobbenolder (f), 14 Bright Sherriff (ur), 33 Ginger Beer (pu), 50 Beechwood Sailor (ur), Count Blythe (4th). 9 ran. 8l, dist, dist. J Edwards at Ross-on-Wye. Tote: £2.20; £1.20, £4.70, £22.60. DF: £59.40. CSF: £24.62.

2.35 (3m 110yd ch) 1, PROUD CON (T Reed, 9-2); 2, Cool Brew (Mr K Anderson, 4-1); 3, Stable Lad (Mr M Richards, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Candy Cone (6th), 8 Target Man, 12 Silent Valley (f), 14 Dan d'Or (5th), 16 Carpenter's Way (f), 33 Jay Double You (f), 50 Netherby Ghost (4th). 10 ran. 1l, nk, 2½l, nk, 15l. J Charlton at Stocksfield. Tote: £5.40; £1.60, £1.40, £2.40. DF: £6.90. CSF: £20.02. Tricast: £95.78.

3.10 (2m hdle) 1, PAT'S JESTER (B Storey, 5-1); 2, Rushmoor (P Niven, 20-1); 3, Tartan Tailor (P Tuck, 11-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 3 Nohalmdun (5th), 13-2 Christian Schad (pu), 9 String Player (4th), 10 Fredcoteri (6th), 33 Son Of Ivor. 8 ran. ½l, 2½l, 2l, 2l, 15l. R Allan at Cornhill-on-Tweed. Tote: £7.20; £2.30, £3.50, £1.30. DF: £53.30. CSF: £71.47. Tricast: £262.04.

3.40 (2m 4f hdle) 1, DEMI JOHN (P Tuck, 9-1); 2, Tewit Castle (P Hegarty, 5-1); 3, Oratorio (M Hammond, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Icloworth (6th), 9-2 Little Serenity (5th), 8 Copper Streak, 14 Master Of Lyric (4th). 7 ran. 3l, nk, 10l, 3l, ¾l. G Richards at Greystoke. Tote: £5.10; £1.60, £3.40. DF: £33.50. CSF: £51.39.

4.10 (3m 110yd ch) 1, RINUS (P Tuck, 4-5 fav); 2, Rivernot (A Merrigan, 6-4); 3, Kerstella (P Niven, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Magwood (f), 33 Nelsons Beach (4th). 5 ran. 20l, 20l, dist. G Richards at Greystoke. Tote: £1.70; £2.20, £1.10. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.88.

4.40 (2m 6f hdle) 1, GUNNER MAC (P Niven, 4-1 fav); 2, Jobss Bluff (M Dwyer, 14-1); 3, *Warwick Suite (P Harte, 8-1)*. ALSO RAN: 11-2 Faroor (6th), 6 Stromer (pu), Burri Walk (5th), 7 Flying Oats, 8 *Tarnside Lad (pu), 10 Peter Martin*, 12 Doronicum (4th), 25 Wrekin Melody. 11 ran. 6l, ¾l, ½l, 1½l, 8l. N Byecroft at Brandsby. Tote: £4.60; £1.10, £7.90, £3.30. DF: £103.60. CSF: £55.27. Tricast: £402.08. Placepot: £192.40.

Warwick

Going: firm

2.0 (2m hdle) 1, Emrys (R Dunwoody, 9-2); 2, Northern Barry (10-1); 3, Tidebo (9-4 fav). 23 ran. NR: Chatanoogachoochoo, Amwaj. 4l, 4l. D Nicholson. Tote: £4.60; £1.90, £3.70, £1.90. DF: £17.50. CSF: £45.80.

2.30 (3m ch) 1, Tota Bir (G McCourt, evens fav); 2, *Pucks Place (15-8)*; 3, Master Pat (50-1). 3 ran. NR: Flying Irish, Keyboard King. 4l, hd. A Turnell. Tote: £1.90; £1.30, £1.30 £6.20. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.24.

3.0 (2m hdle) 1, Detroit Sam (S McNeill, 12-1); 2, Deadly Going (11-2); 3, Colonel Popski (14-1). Purple Prince 3-1 fav. 14 ran. NR: Black River. 1l, nk. M Francis. Tote: £6.30; £1.70, £1.60, £4.20. DF: £16.10. CSF: £72.52. Tricast: £862.86. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, Wibaad (Dale McKeown, 11-4 fav); 2, Sailors Pride (20-1); 3, Late Delivery (6-1). 16 ran. NR: Walcisin, Courtbrook, Some Panic, Gods Fox. 6l, 2½l. R Akehurst. Tote: £3.60; £1.80, £2.90, £1.30. DF: £274.70. CSF: £47.56.

4.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, The Argonaut (S Shilston, 5-2); 2, Pommardy (7-4 fav); 3, Thornton (7-1). 9 ran. NR: Tarconey. 3l, ¾l. F Walwyn. Tote: £3.10; £1.30, £1.20, £1.10. DF: £3.30. CSF: £6.97. Tricast: £22.98.

4.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, Basil Thyme (D Tegg, 12-1); 2, Dreamcoat (7-2); 3, Galtario (10-1). Ascanmoore 11-4 fav. 13 ran. NR: Glen Road, Stilt's Brother, Wrong Righted. Sh hd, 20l. T Bailey. Tote: £13.50; £3.30, £1.40, £1.60. DF: £22.60. CSF: £49.28. Tricast: £394.69.

5.0 (2m flat) 1, The Milroy (D Bennyworth, 11-10 fav); 2, Eescespee (11-2); 3, Printers Devil (25-1). 27 ran. NR: Winabuck. 10l, 5l. O Sherwood. Tote: £2.50; £1.50, £6.30, £3.10. DF: £34.70. CSF: £9.86.

Placepot: £14.10

● Triteamtri (Dominique Boeuf) has Blushing Groom (Freddy Head) and Soviet Lad (Gary Moore) to beat in the £19,210 group three Prix de Fontainebleau (1m), the *principal trial for the Poule d'Essai* des Poulains, at Longchamp tomorrow.

● Kim Tinkler, who set a record for a woman rider when she partnered 21 winners last year, had her third success of the current Flat season when landing Red Rosein a 5-1 winner of *the EBF Briton Maiden Stakes* at Thirsk yesterday.

● *Phil Tuck celebrated his* return after injury with a 17-1 double at Ayr yesterday on Demi John (9-1) and Rinus (4-5).

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

3.0 unless stated

***Mercantile Credit* Centenary Festival**

(at Wembley)

Tranmere v Wimbledon (10.0)
Liverpool v Newcastle (10.50)
Leeds v Nottingham F *(11.40)*
Blackburn v A Villa (12.30)
Quarter-final (1.20)
Quarter-final (2.10)
Everton v Wolverhampton (3.0)
Luton v Manchester Utd (3.50)
Wigan v Sunderland (4.40)
C Palace v Sheffield Wed (5.30)
Quarter-final (6.20)
Quarter-final (7.10)

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: First division: Boreham Wood v Staines; Bracknell v Wembley; Hampton v Marlow; Kingsbury v Chesham; Lewes v Walthamstow Avenue; Southwick v Basildon; Stevenage Borough v Oxford City; Uxbridge v Leatherhead; Woking v Worthing; Wolverton v Walton and Hersham. Second division north: Berkhamsted v Finchley; Collier Row v Aveley; Hertford v Haybridge; Hornchurch v Rainham; Letchworth GC v Harlow; Saffron Walden v Barton; Tilbury v *Vauxhall Motors*; Tring v Witham; Ware v Haringey Borough; Wivenhoe v Hemel Hempstead. Second division south: *Camberley v Yeading*; Chalfont St Peter v Epsom and Ewell; Dorking v Eastbourne United; Rackwell Heath v *Petersfield*; *Harefield v Banstead*; Hungerford v Chertsey; Metropolitan Police v Newbury; Ruislip Manor v Molesey; Southall v Feltham; Whyteleafe v Horsham.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Alfreton v Accrington Stanley; Congleton v Harrogate; Droylsden v Sutton Town; Fleetwood v Eastwood Hanley; Irlam v Netherfield; Leek v Farsley; Penrith v Eastwood Town; Radcliffe v Lancaster.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Bridgnorth v Buckingham; Dudley v Halesowen; Forest Green v Paget Rangers; Grantham v Stourbridge; King's Lynn v Hednesford; Merthyr Tydfil v Coventry Sporting; *Moor Green v Bilston*; Rushden v Gloucester; Sutton Coldfield v Atherstone; Trowbridge v Banbury; Wellingborough v *Mile Oak*. Southern division: Andover v Corinthian; Burnham v Erith and Belvedere; Bury v Gravesend and Northfleet; Dunstable v Tonbridge; Folkestone v Chatham; Poole v Hounslow; Ruislip v Canterbury; Salisbury v Dover; Sheppey v Hastings; Waterlooville v Thanet.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Newry; Ballymena v Portadown; Carrick v Crusaders; Cliftonville v Larne; Distillery v Bangor; Glenavon v Coleraine; Glentoran v Linfield.

CENTRAL LEAGUE (2.0): First division: Coventry v Everton; Manchester City v Manchester United. Second division: *Doncaster v West Bromwich*.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Reading v West Ham (2.0); Southampton v Ipswich; Tottenham v *Portsmouth* (2.0).

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: *Old Cholmeleians v Old Reptonians*; Old Malvernians v Old Chigwellians. First division: Old Citizens v Old Wykehamists; *Old Westminsters v Old Wellingburians*.

GM Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham v Bath
Dagenham v Cheltenham
Enfield v Runcorn
Fisher v Kidderminster
Kettering v Sutton Utd
Lincoln v Wealdstone
Maidstone v Macclesfield
Northwich v Barnet
Telford v Wycombe
Welling v Stafford
Weymouth v Boston

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: Brecon v Barry; Bridgend v Cwmbran; *Caerleon v AFC Cardiff*; Ebbw Vale v Haverfordwest; Llanelli v Milford; Maesteg v Aberystwyth; Pembroke v Briton Ferry; *Port Talbot* v Ton Pentre.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple v Taunton; Bristol City v Liskeard; *Bristol Manor Farm* v Exmouth; Dawlish v Swanage and Herston; Plymouth Argyle v Chippenham; Radstock v Melksham; Saltash v Paulton; Torrington v Frome; Weston-super-Mare v Bideford.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia v North Shields; Bishop Auckland v Chester-le-Street (3.15); Blyth v Shildon (3.15); Crook v Consett; Ferryhill v Gretna; Guisborough v South Bank; Tow Law v Brandon; Whitley Bay v Ryhope CA.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare v Grimethorpe MW; *Bridlington Town* v Ossett Albion; Hallam v Belper; Harrogate Railway v Emley; Hatfield Main v Guiseley; North Ferriby v *Pontefract Collieries*; Thackley v Bridlington Trinity.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Clitheroe v Warrington; Colwyn Bay v Atherton LR; Darwen v Formby; Ellesmere Port and Neston v Glossop; *Rossendale v Leyland Motors*; Skelmersdale v Colne Dynamoes.

Vauxhall-Opel League Premier division

Barking v Slough
B Stortford v Slough
Bognor v Bromley
Farnborough v Hendon
Hayes v Carshalton
Hitchin v Leyton-Wingate
Kingstonian v Harrow (at Carshalton)
Leytonstone-Ilford v Basingstoke
St Albans v Tooting and Mitcham

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal v Norwich; Chelsea v Charlton; Leyton Orient v Ipswich; Portsmouth v Watford; Southend v Fulham. Second division: Bristol Rovers v Colchester; Northampton v Brighton; Southampton v Luton; Tottenham v Bristol City; Wimbledon v Crystal Palace.

CRICKET

First-class matches

11.30 to 6.30

LORD'S: MCC v Nottinghamshire.

FENNER'S: Cambridge University v *Derbyshire*.

THE PARKS: Oxford University v Leicestershire.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: National division: Birmingham Bulls v Leicester Panthers (6.45).

BASKETBALL

WOMEN'S FOUR COUNTRIES TOURNAMENT (at Northampton): Ireland v Wales (6.15); England v Scotland (8.15).

LACROSSE

BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Cheadle v Mellor; Old Waconians v Rochdale; Sale v Old Hulmeians; Sheffield University v *Heaton Mersey*; *Stockport* v Urmston.

Northern Premier League Premier division

Barrow v Caernarfon
Buxton v Rhyl
Goole v Mossley
Horwich v Gateshead
Marine v Chorley
Matlock v Bangor City
Sth Liverpool v Hyde
Southport v Gainsborough
Witton v Worksop
Workington v Frickley

Beazer Homes League Premier division

Alvechurch v Fareham
Aylesbury v Worcester
Bromsgrove v Leicester Utd
Cambridge C v Corby
Chelmsford v Dorchester
Crawley v Shepshed
Nuneaton v Gosport
Redditch v Dartford
VS Rugby v Bedworth
Willenhall v Ashford
Witney v Burton

HOCKEY

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals (at Beeston HC, Nottingham): Somerset v Middlesex (2.0); Worcestershire v York*shire* (4.0).

CLUB MATCHES: Midlands: Aldridge v Finchfield; Barford Tigers v Stourport; *Beeston v North Nottinghamshire*; Blossomfield v Kynoch; Bournville v Stone; Burton v Derwent; Coalville v Horton *House; Corby v Amington; Droitwich* v Wednesbury; GEC Coventry v Telford; Huntingdon v Grantham; Kingswinford v West Bromwich; Knutsford v Leek; Loughborough v South Nottingham; Ludlow v Whitchurch; Michelin v Barlaston; *North Stafford v Bramhall*; Nottingham v Westleigh; Nuneaton v Old Wulfrunians; Pershore v Tenbury; Peterborough v *Kettering*; *Rotherham v West Bridgford*; Rugby v Players; Stafford v Barton; Wombourne v Nottingham. South: *Belvedere v Crowborough*; *Broxbourne* v Southgate; Canterbury v South Saxons; Cliftonville v Folkestone; Coventry and North Warwickshire v *City of Oxford*; Fareham v Worthing; Hounslow v Pressed Steel; Long Sutton v Wisbech; Northampton Saints v Aylesbury; Mid-Sussex v Oxted; Mill Hill v Southgate Adelaide; Morden v Tunbridge Wells; Old Midwhitgiftians v Croydon MO; Rochester v Templars; Romford v Gravesend.

WOMEN'S *INTERNATIONALS*: Scotland v England (at Stirling); Wales v Ireland (at Cardiff NSC, 2.15).

HANDBALL

BRITISH LEAGUE (men): Birkenhead v Leicester '73 (6.0); Liverpool v Great Dane (4.0); Tryst '77 v Ruislip Eagles (4.0).

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals: Fife Flyers v *Murrayfield Racers* (7.15); Nottingham Panthers v Durham Wasps (6.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE

SLALOM LAGER NATIONAL AMATEUR LEAGUE: Millord v Leigh Miners; Millom v Heworth.

Fine Fare Scottish League Premier division

Dundee v Falkirk
Dunfermline v St Mirren
Hearts v Celtic
Morton v Aberdeen
Motherwell v Dundee Utd
Rangers v Hibernian

First division

Airdrie v Raith
Clyde v Kilmarnock
Clydebank v Meadowbank
E Fife v Hamilton
Forfar v Partick
Queen of Sth v Dumbarton

Second division

Alloa v Ayr
E Stirling v Stirling
Montrose v Berwick
Queen's Park v Cowdenbeath
St Johnstone v Arbroath
Stenhsemuir v Brechin
Stranraer v Albion

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Embassy World professional championship (at Sheffield).

SPEEDWAY: World championship: Qualifying round (at Stoke, 7.30). National League: Berwick v Middlesbrough (7.0). Hertfordshire/Essex Trophy: Second leg: Arena Essex v Rye House (7.0).

SQUASH RACKETS: Hi-Tec British open championship (at Wembley).

TENNIS: Junior Wimbledon.

GYMNASTICS: Vitalite Champions All (at National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham).

RUGBY UNION

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP

First division

Gloucester v Sale
Orrell v Waterloo

Second division

Headingley v Northampton

Third division

Fylde v W Hartlepool
Vale of Lune v Plymouth

CLUB MATCHES

Bath v *Llanelli*
Coventry v Pontypool
Cross Keys v S Wales Police
Exeter v Tredegar
Glamorgan W v Abertillery
Hartlepool R v Halifax
Huddersfield v Sheffield
Leicester v Gosforth
Maesteg v Cheltenham
Morley v Middlesbrough
Moseley v Bridgend
Neath v Cardiff
Newbridge v Nottingham
Newport v *Torquay*
Northern v Wakefield
Pontypridd v Ebbw Vale
Roundhay v Nuneaton
Rugby v Harrogate
Swansea v Aberavon
W of Scotland v Broughton Park

LEINSTER: Leinster Senior Cup: Second round: St Mary's College v Old Wesley (2.30); Blackrock College v Wanderers (4.15); both at Lansdowne Road. Club match: *Terenure College v Dublin* University.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Bisley Office Equipment Merit Table: Basingstoke v Henley. British Car Auctions *Old Boys*: KCS *Old* Boys v Old Haileyburians. Tandem Computers Seven Counties Merit Table: Cancelled: Havant v Oxford. Club matches: Alton v Chichester; Antlers v Chobham; Ashford v Vigo; Bacavians v Harlow; Bancroft v Harrow; *Brighton v Gosport and Fareham*; Bury St Edmunds v Woodbridge; Camberley v Slough; *Cambridge v Old* Cantabrigians; Chipstead v Charlton Park; Cranbrook v Gillingham Anchorians; Dartfordians v Canterbury; Datchworth v Tring II; *Dorking v Warlingham*; *Eastleigh v* Cinderford; East London v Tabard; Erith v Old Westcliffians; Eton Manor v Medway; Fullerians v Watford; Gravesend v Beckenham; GWR v London French; Hayes v Wembley; Hemel Hempstead v Bedford *Athletic*; *Hertford v Bishop's Stortford*; Hitchin v Chinnor; Ipswich v Colchester; Isle of Wight v Portsmouth; Letchworth GC v Norwich; *Maidenhead v Trojans*; Mitcham v Old Mid-Whitgiftians; Newbury v Bracknell; North Walsham v West *Norfolk*; *Old Walcountians v Old Juddian*; Old Wandsworthians v Effingham; Oxford Marathon v Cirencester; Oxford Old Boys v *Winchester*; *Park House* v Tunbridge Wells; Redingensians v Chiltern; Saffron Walden v Newbold-on-Avon; St Ives v Wanstead; Salisbury v Bournemouth; Shirley Wanderers v East Grinstead; Sidcup v Thanet; Staines v Crawley; STC Footscray v Greenwich; Stockwood Park v Leamington; Stroud v Metropolitan Police XV; Thurrock v Guildford; Tring v Milton Keynes; Winchester v Wimborne; Windsor v Beaconsfield.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: England 18 Group v Wales Schools (at Redruth).

MIDLANDS: Club matches: Aylestone St James v Manor Park; Barker's Butts v Evesham; Bridgnorth v Pershore; Bridgwater and Albion v Worcester; Cannock v Uttoxeter; Chester v Stafford; Crewe and Nantwich v Newcastle; Derby v Lincoln; Dixonians v Stratford; Earlsdon v Lutterworth; Edwardians v West Midlands Police; Handsworth v Newport (Salop); Kenilworth v Tamworth; Keresley v Bletchley; Kibworth v Northampton Casuals; Kettering v Stoke Old Boys; Kynoch v Kidderminster Carolians; Lichfield v Clifton; Loughborough v Chesterfield; Luctonians v Bromsgrove; Market Bosworth v Atherstone; Market Rasen v Boston; *Mellish v Dudley Kingswinford*; Newark v Doncaster; Oadby Wyggestonians v Old Newtonians; Old Halesonians v Nuneaton OE; Old Laurentians v Coalville; Old Leamingtonians v Aston OE; Old Longtonians v Warley; Old Moseleians *v Old Centrals*; Old Saltleians v Five Ways; Paviors v Stamford; Saffron Walden v Newbold; Selly Oak v Birchfield; Shrewsbury v *Mid Cheshire College*; Solihull v Weston-super-Mare; Southam v GEC Coventry; South Leicester v Trinity *Guild*; *Stockwood Park v Leamington*; Stoneygate v Aylesbury; Stourbridge v Burton; Sutton Coldfield v Wolverhampton; Syston v Wellingborough; Telford v Kings Norton; Tredegar v Hereford; Veseyans v Silhillians; Vipers v Long Buckby; Warwick v Birmingham Civil Service; Wednesbury v Birmingham City Officials; Westleigh v Derby; Whitchurch v Willenhall; Winnington Park v Camp Hill.

NORTH: Girobank Cumbria Cup: Final: Aspatria v Cockermouth (at Wigton). Yorkshire Shield: final: Roundhegians v Bramley (at Otley). Club matches: Acklam v Sunderland; Baildon v Ilkley; Beverley v Rotherham; Blackburn v De La Salle; Bradford and Bingley v Kendal; Caldy v Macclesfield; Davenport v Wrexham; Dinnington v East Retford; Durham v Manchester; Goole v Sheffield Tigers; Grimsby v West Leeds; Halifax Vandals v Heath; Heaton Moor v Hull and ER; Huddersfield v Sheffield; Hullensians v Wheatley Hills; Keighley v Barnsley; Knottingley v Wath-on-Dearne; Leigh v Castleford; Littleborough v Rodillians; Marist v Old Hymerians; Northallerton v Leodiensians; Old Brodleians v Driffield; Pocklington v Hemsworth; Pontefract v *Sandal; Preston Grasshoppers* v New Brighton; Rochdale v Winnington Park; Scarborough v Hessle; Selby v Huddersfield YMCA; *Skipton v Cleckheaton*; Thornensians v York; Warrington v Gordon League; West Park v Widnes; West Park Bramhope v Bradford Salem; Wetherby v Hornsea; Wharfedale v Ryton; Whitby v Ionians; Wilmslow v Birmingham; Yarnbury v Old Otliensians; York RI v Bridlington.

ULSTER: AIB Ulster Senior Cup: Semi-final: Bangor v Ballymena (at Ravenhill). Club matches: Galway Corinthians v City of Derry; Carrick v CIYMS; Portadown v Ballina; Collegians v NIFC; Skerries v *Armagh; Dungannon v Malone*.

TOURNAMENT: Middlesex seven-a-sides: *Preliminary rounds (at Beckenham* RFC: Centaurs RFC, Osterley; London Irish RFC, Sunbury-on-Thames; Old Millhillians RFC, Headstone Lane, Harrow; Old Paulines RFC, Thames Ditton; Saracens RFC, Southgate; Upper Clapton RFC, Epping; Wasps RFC, Sudbury).

SPORT ON TV

FOOTBALL: BBC1 11.25 p.m.: Football League Centenary: Highlights of the first *day of the Mercantile Credit centenary* festival from Wembley.

GRANDSTAND: BBC1 12.15-5.05 p.m.: Football focus: Snooker: Embassy World professional championship from Sheffield. *Motor Sport*: Rothman's rally circuit of Ireland: World moto-cross trials championship, British round from Petersfield. *Basketball*: Carlsberg National championship from Wembley. Racing: 2.0, 2.30, 3.0 and 3.30 races from Newbury. 3.40 *Jameson Irish Grand National from* Fairyhouse. Judo: British open championships from Crystal Palace. Final score: 4.50 p.m.

MOTORCYCLING: ITV 4 a.m. (tomorrow): *United States Grand Prix*.

MOTOR SPORT: C4 6.30 p.m.: *The Grand Prix Car 1945-1965*: The Italian jobs.

RACING: C4 3.05 p.m.: 3.25, 4.10 (William Hill Scottish National) and 4.45 races from Ayr. 3.40 race (Jameson Irish Grand National) from Fairyhouse.

SNOOKER: BBC2 4.45-6.20, 7.40-8.10 and 9.40-11.10 p.m.: Embassy World professional championship: First round from Sheffield (see also Grandstand).

SAINT AND GREAVSIE: ITV 1.05 p.m. Results service: 4.45 p.m.

Tomorrow

ATHLETICS: BBC1 9.10 a.m. and 12.40 *p.m. Highlights: 9.15 p.m.*: Mars London marathon (see also Sunday Grandstand).

CURLING: C4 6.0 and 10.45 p.m.: Men's World championship: Highlights of the finish from Lausanne.

RUGBY SPECIAL: BBC2 2 p.m.: Highlights of Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Orrell v Waterloo and from Wales Neath v Cardiff.

SNOOKER: BBC2 11.15 p.m.-12.35 a.m.: Embassy World professional championship: First round from Sheffield (see also Sunday Grandstand).

SUNDAY GRANDSTAND: BBC2 3-6.30 p.m.: Football: Mercantile Credit centenary festival: Highlights of the semi-finals and final from Wembley. Athletics: Mars London marathon: interview with the winner. Snooker: Embassy World professional championship from Sheffield.

TENNIS: C4 11.45 p.m.: Mortgage Corporation National League final: Croydon v Bournemouth from the Surrey Tennis and Country Club, Croydon.

TOMORROW

Mercantile Credit Centenary festival

(at Wembley)

Semi-finals (12.20 and 1.45)
Final (4.30)

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Buxton v Barrow.

CRICKET

First-class matches

12.0 to 7.0

LORD'S: MCC v Nottinghamshire.

11.30 to 6.30

FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Derbyshire.

RUGBY UNION

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Liverpool St Helens v London Scottish.

MEMORIAL MATCHES: Brian Sterry: *Slough v England XV*. Don Tilling: Gosport v International Leukaemia XV (3.15).

TOURNAMENT: Oxford seven-a-sides.

WOMEN'S CUP: Final: Richmond v Wasps (at Rosslyn Park, 2.15).

BASKETBALL

WOMEN'S FOUR COUNTRIES TOURNAMENT *(at Northampton)*: Scotland v Wales (1.30); England v Ireland (3.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Castleford v Leeds (3.30); Hull KR v Bradford; Leigh v Hull (3.30); Salford v Halifax; St Helens v Swinton; Wigan v Hunslet. Second division: Barrow v Wakefield (2.30); Carlisle v Oldham; Dewsbury v Sheffield (3.30); Featherstone v York (3.30); Fulham v Springfield; Huddersfield v Runcorn (3.30); Workington v Rochdale (3.30).

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: National division: Bournemouth Bobcats v Nottingham *Hoods*; *Chelmsford Cherokee* v Thames Valley Chargers (2.30); Fylde Falcons v Manchester Spartans (2.0); Glasgow Lions v *Leeds Cougars*.

HANDBALL

BRITISH LEAGUE (men): EK '82 v Wakefield (2.0); Ruislip Eagles v Tryst '77 (at Tryst, 1.0).

ENGLISH LEAGUE CUP (women): Fifth round (at Wakefield Sports Centre, 12.0).

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals: Solihull Barons v Fife Flyers (7.0); Whitley Warriors v Nottingham Panthers (6.30).

HOCKEY

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Final (at Beeston HC, *Nottingham*, 2.30).

KENT CUP: Final: Gore Court v Bromley (at Canterbury HC, 2.30).

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL: Scotland v England (at Stirling).

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Home Counties indoor championship: Middlesex v Kent (at Mansfield).

BOXING: Tournament: Wirrina stadium, *Peterborough*.

EQUESTRIANISM: Brigstock trials.

MOTOR SPORT: British *formula* three championship (at Brands Hatch); FIA European touring car championships (at *Donington Park*); *BARC Championship* meeting (at Silverstone).

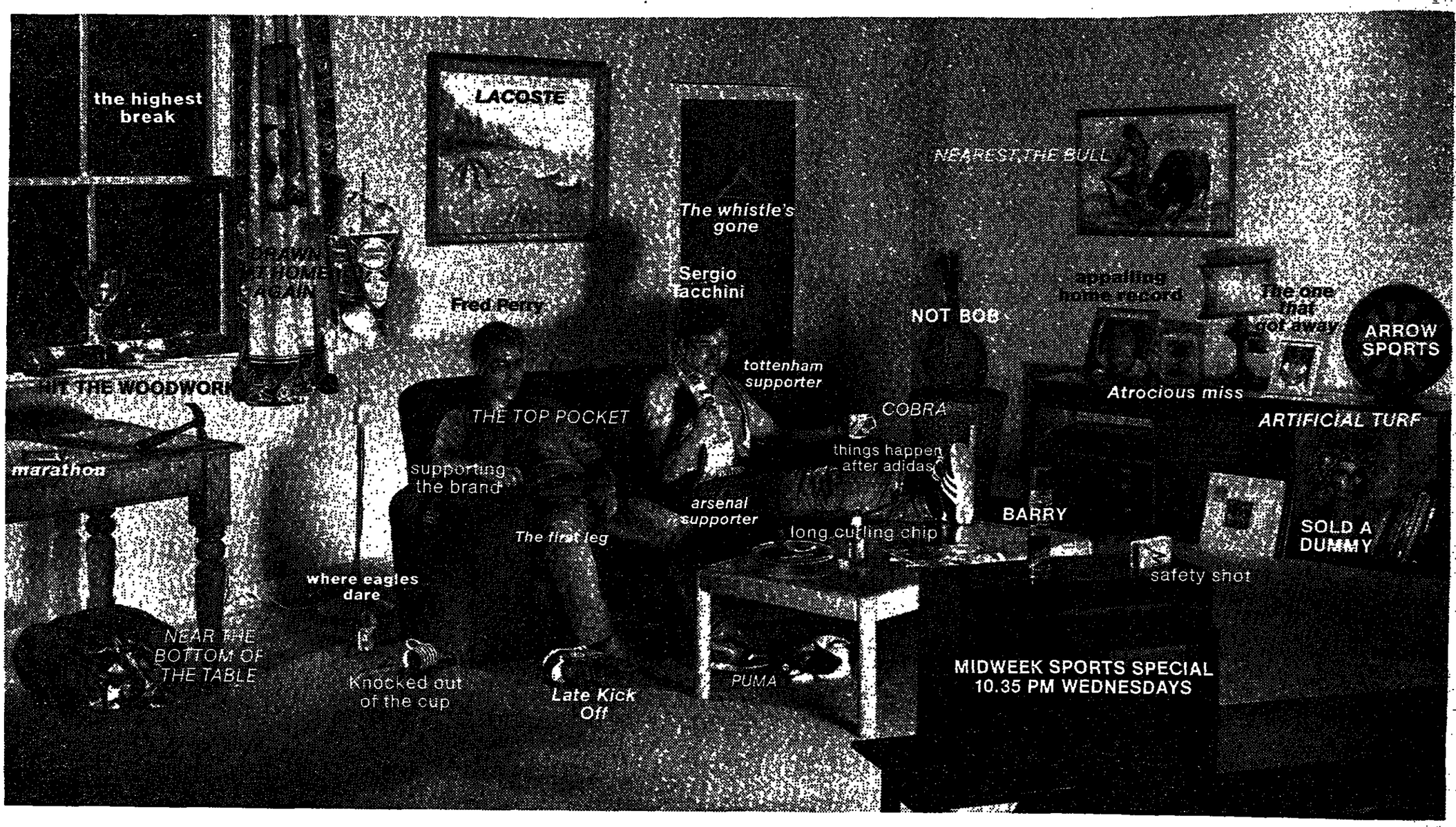
SNOOKER: Embassy World professional championship (at Sheffield).

SPEEDWAY: Challenge: Eastbourne v Wimbledon (7.30); Edinburgh v Glasgow (7.30). National League: Mildenhall v Peterborough (7.30); Rye House v Long Eaton (7.30).

TENNIS: Mortgage Corporation National League Championship: Final: Croydon Direct Liners v Bournemouth Yamaha Aces (at Surrey Tennis and Country Club, Croydon, 2.15).

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RACING

Zelphi can swoop for speedy double

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Following that hard-earned victory in the Easter Stakes at Kempton Park a fortnight ago, which should have sharpened him to perfection, ZELPHI is now napped to win the Singer and Friedlander Greenham Stakes at Newbury today.

The forecast rain, which was in the air yesterday, will not bother him as both his wins have been on softish ground.

Zelphi's form stands up under scrutiny. At Kempton, he just managed to hang on against Lapierre who, only last Wednesday, won the Free Handicap by beating Charmer, who had accounted for Kefaah at Newmarket last autumn. On Thursday, Kefaah made his own contribution when winning the Feilden Stakes albeit in receipt of 8lb from Undercut.

When he won at Ascot as a two-year-old Zelphi beat Defence Policy, who was runner-up to Doyoun later in the season. After Thursday we are also now much more aware of the relevance of that form.

Later last year, Zelphi was twice runner-up at Newbury, initially to Emmson and then again behind Glacial Storm. As they are being currently talked about as possible winners of the English and Irish Derbys it was no disgrace to be second.

With both Gallic League and Tibullo standing their ground, Pat Eddery should get the good early pace and strong lead he will be looking for on Zelphi so that he can keep him nicely covered up for that short late run.

Gallic League turned out to be



Nick Vigors, who saddles Newbury hope Sharblask

very quick last season when he won the Flying Childers Stakes and the Middle Park Stakes while Tibullo was far and away the best two-year-old in training in Italy. He is now with Luca Cumani at Newmarket.

As Tibullo tends to make all the running, there could be a danger that he and Gallic League will cut one another's throats and pave the way for one coming from behind.

But with Always Fair, Intimidate and Shehiyr also in the field it is anything but a three-horse race.

It took a horse of Warning's ability to end Always Fair's unbeaten run as a two-year-old.

Likewise, it took a horse of Reprimand's class to prevent Intimidate from winning the Gimcrack Stakes at York.

Further rain will be welcomed for Intimidate, who comes from Clive Brittain's in-form stable.

I have good reports of Shehiyr, who proved much too quick for Moscow Society at Nottingham last back-end. As that race was over a mile, I wonder whether Shehiyr will be quite quick enough to beat Zelphi over seven furlongs now.

The much-travelled Highland Chieftain, who finished second in Australia only three weeks ago, is all set to make a quick return to top class competition in the Lanes End John Porter Stakes.

But I doubt whether he will be quite up to beating last year's Irish Derby winner SIR HARRY LEWIS. His trainer Barry Hills is sure that Sir Harry Lewis will turn out to be an even better four-year-old. Lake Erie, Quexioss and Waterfield are not out of it either, now that rain is in the air again.

As for the Mellowes PPG Spring Cup, I shall stick with my Lincoln fancy, the Nick Vigors-trained SHARBLASK, who has the misfortune of being drawn badly at Doncaster.

At Haydock Park last September, Sharblask was beaten only a neck by Gold Prospect and can now gain his revenge.

Over The Road's chance of winning the William Hill Scottish Grand National at Ayr was hardly improved while exercising on Tuesday morning when he put his hip out. In the circumstances, I doubt whether this much-improved stayer will be right to cope with MITHRAS and Guy Landau.

Blinkered first time

THIRSK: 3.45 Disco. 4.45 Full Blast.

NEWBURY

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Eretna.	2.00 Eretna.
2.30 Sharblask.	2.30 Cuvee Charlie.
3.00 ZELPHI (nap).	3.00 TIBULLO (nap).
3.30 Sir Harry Lewis.	3.30 Borkaan.
4.00 Dastur.	4.30 Full Of Sauce.
4.30 Full Of Sauce.	5.00 Martian Princess.
5.00 Mulfit.	

By Michael Seely
2.30 Bold Pillager. 3.00 INTIMIDATE (nap). 4.00 Joruri.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good — **Draw: no advantage**

2.0 BRIDGET MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,311: 7f str) (21 runners) BBC 1

101 (1) ALRAYHAH (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11 .... R Hills —
102 (2) AQUAPLANE (G Sangster) B Hills 8-11 .... M Hills —
103 (13) BALDOMERO (G Sangster) W Jarvis 8-11 .... B Raymond —
104 (18) BALTIMORE TO PARIS (C Wright) R Williams 8-11 .... J Reid —
105 (16) BASIC STAR (Bloodstock & Stud Ltd) P Walwyn 8-11 .... N Howe —
106 (10) BOURBON TOPSY (E Moller) G Wragg 8-11 .... Pat Eddery —
107 (19) CHILDREN'S HOUR (Lord Carnarvon) I Balding 8-11 .... T Ives —
108 (20) COME ON MOTHER (Mrs N Duffield) L Cottrell 8-11 .... I Johnson —
109 (15) CUT NO ICE (T Rootes) P Walwyn 8-11 .... C Asmussen —
110 (21) DOMINION PEARL (J Jennings) I Balding 8-11 .... J Matthias —
111 (14) ERETNA (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 8-11 .... W R Swinburn —
112 (8) EVER WELCOME (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 8-11 .... A Clark —
113 (12) FES CITY (Dana Stud Ltd) J Dunlop 8-11 .... B Rouse —
114 (9) GOOD APPEAL (D Bott) Mrs A Knight 8-11 .... S Keightley —
115 (3) GORGEOUS LADY (Hesmonds Stud) H Candy 8-11 .... W Newnes —
116 (6) KINAANA (H H Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 8-11 .... S Cauthen —
117 (17) ROYAL TOUCH (Sheikh Mohammed) W Hern 8-11 .... W Carson —
118 (11) SAMYA'S FLAME (Sheikh A Al Maktoum) L Cumani 8-11 .... R Cochrane —
120 (4) SWEET ENOUGH (R Richards) C Brittain 8-11 .... M Roberts —
121 (7) TENDER WHISPER (BTRB Plc) L Cumani 8-11 .... L Dettori (5) —
123 (5) TREMINN (Mrs R Hastings) B Hills 8-11 .... C McNamee —

BETTING: 7-2 Eretna, 5-1 Alrayhah, 6-1 Children's Hour, 8-1 Kinaana, 10-1 Royal Touch, 12-1 Samya's Flame, Aquaplane, 14-1 Bourbon Trophy, 16-1 Fes City, Sweet Enough, 20-1 others.

1987: PIXIE ERIN 8-11 J Reid (13-2) B Hills 10 ran

2.30 MELLOWES P.P.G. SPRING CUP (Handicap: £6,565: 1m rnd) (21 runners) BBC 1

201 (12) 100131- COLWAY RALLY 196 (D,F) (R Coleman) J Watts 4-9-10 .... T Ives 94
202 (7) 12244/ CENTAURI 541 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 4-9-9 .... M Hills —
203 (6) 04210-0 SHARBLASK 21 (D,S) (W Pallister) N Vigors 4-9-8 .... P Cook 93
204 (16) 4100-04 GENOBRA 12 (D,S) (O Zawawi) M Francis 4-9-7 .... Paul Eddery 89
205 (10) 014310- GOLD PROSPECT 162 (CD,G,S) (H Spack) G Balding 6-9-7 .... S Cauthen 94
206 (21) 2210/00 LANCE 9 (D,F,S) (J Blott) M Brittain 5-9-6 .... A Bacon (7) —
207 (20) 131100- WILLIESWRIGHTONCUE 168 (F) (J Wright) G Huffer 4-9-3 .... G Carter 93
208 (17) 100000-0 JUST A FLUTTER 21 (D,F,G) (F Wilson) M Jarvis 4-9-2 .... B Raymond 98
209 (19) 0000-03 STAR OF A GUNNER 12 (CD,F,G,S) (M & N Plant Ltd) R Holder 8-8-11 .... J Reid 92
210 (13) 103200- BOLD PILLAGER 196 (D,F) (Dexham Int Ltd) J Dunlop 6-8-11 .... W Carson 91
211 (18) 41000-1 CUVEE CHARLIE 21 (D,S) (R Davies) H Collingridge 4-8-9 .... M Rimmer 95
212 (14) 10219-0 MY BUDDY 21 (D,F,G) (G Roberts) F Jordan 4-8-8 .... A Clark 93
213 (15) 00-2212 EL REY 36 (D,G,S) (Exors Sir G Newman) W Hastings-Bass 4-8-7 .... Dale Gibson (7) 98
214 (5) 1240-40 INISHPOUR 14 (F,G,S) (G Russell) H Wharton 6-8-6 .... — ● 99
215 (3) 204010- HOORAY LADY 168 (D,G) (BTRB Plc) P Cole 4-8-6 .... Pat Eddery 95
216 (11) 14000-0 EURODOLLAR 7 (D,S) (K Khan) L Holt 4-7-13 .... R Fox 94
217 (4) 01220-0 RANKSTREET 12 (S) (J Rumble) P Arthur 4-7-12 .... N Adams 95
218 (1) 24121-0 MISS SARAJANE 21 (D,F,G,S) (G Smyth) R Hollinshead 4-7-11 .... A Culhane (5) 94
219 (2) 103203- MAHRAJAN 192 (D,F) (Mrs F Harris) C Benstead 4-7-9 .... T Williams 93
221 (9) 00101/0 MOUNT TUMBLEDOWN 9 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Collins) R Hannon 7-7-9 .... D McKay —
222 (8) 030100- ALQIRM 196 (D,F,G,S) (R Miquel) R Holder 6-7-9 .... S Dawson 96

BETTING: 7-1 Cuvee Charlie, 8-1 Sharblask, 10-1 Gold Prospect, Star Of A Gunner, Genobra, 12-1 Miss Sarajane, El Rey, 14-1 Williewrightoncue, Bold Pillager, 16-1 Colway Rally, Hooray Lady, 20-1 others.

1987: ABUTAMMAM 4-8-2 B Rouse (33-1) C Benstead 18 ran

FORM COLWAY RALLY (9-8) neck winner from Master Pokey (7-8) at Newmarket (7f, £6430, firm, Oct 3, 8 ran).

SHARBLASK (9-7) ¾l winner from Kaleidophone (7-9) at Ayr (1m, £4208, good to soft, Sep 19, 10 ran).

GOLD PROSPECT (9-3) 2l winner from Mashbub (7-13) at Newmarket (7f, £8500, good to soft, Oct 15, 18 ran) with JUST A FLUTTER (9-4) 9l 6th and INISHPOUR (8-9) 9th.

WILLIESWRIGHTONCUE (9-3) best effort a head win from Operatic Score (8-6) at Yarmouth (1m 2f, £8272, good to firm, Sep 16, 8 ran).

STAR OF A GUNNER (10-0) 2½l 3rd to Verbarium (7-7) at Newcastle last time (1m, £6077, good to soft, Apr 4, 11 ran).

CUVEE CHARLIE (8-1) beat Silver Haze (8-1) a head in the Lincoln at Doncaster (1m, £29633, soft, Mar 26, 25 ran) with GENOBRA (9-4) 11l 5th with STAR OF A GUNNER (8-8) 4l 6th, SHARBLASK (9-5) ¾l 7th, JUST A FLUTTER (8-13) 1½l 9th, MISS SARAJANE (7-10) 5l 10th, MY BUDDY (8-6) 24th and LANCE (9-2) 25th.

EL REY (9-2) 3l 2nd to Trotsnoy (9-2) at Cagnes (1m 2f, £4975, firm, Mar 11, 12 ran).

HOORAY LADY (9-5) ¾l winner from Hold Dear (9-5) at Brighton in September (1m, £1929, good, Sep 17, 18 ran).

RANKSTREET (8-9) a length 2nd to Single (9-10) here over 7f 60yd last term (£4415, good, Sep 18, 10 ran).

MISS SARAJANE (7-9) ¾l winner from Kaleidophone (7-9) at Newmarket in October (1m 1f, £16180, good to soft, 20 ran) with CUVEE CHARLIE (8-5) 8th, EURODOLLAR (8-1) 9th, WILLIESWRIGHTONCUE (9-3), HOORAY LADY (8-10) and MY BUDDY (8-10) were unplaced.

Selection: HOORAY LADY

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
H Cecil	16	40	40.0
M Stoute	9	39	23.1
B Arbuthnot	3	14	21.4
L Cumani	4	19	21.1
W Hern	12	77	15.6
B Hills	11	72	15.3

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Paul Eddery	5	23	21.7
S Cauthen	22	102	21.6
Pat Eddery	23	110	20.9
B Raymond	3	15	20.0
W R Swinburn	10	72	13.9
W Carson	17	124	13.7

(Not including yesterday's results)

3.0 SINGER & FRIEDLANDER GREENHAM STAKES (Group III: 3-Y-O C & G: £18,816: 7f str) (7 runners) BBC 1

301 (2) 11120- ALWAYS FAIR 203 (D,G,S) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 .... W R Swinburn ● 99
303 (5) 211311- GALLIC LEAGUE 196 (F,G) (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0 .... M Hills 98
304 (3) 144224- INTIMIDATE 181 (C,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 9-0 .... M Roberts 87
305 (7) 002323- SHABANAZ 175 (N Aboobaker) R Hannon 9-0 .... B Rouse 72
306 (4) 1- SHEHIYR 172 (S) (H H Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 9-0 .... S Cauthen 80
308 (1) 21111- TIBULLO 188 (G,S) (C D'Alessio) L Cumani 9-0 .... R Cochrane 98
311 (6) 32122-1 ZELPHI 14 (D,S) (K Abdulla) J Tree 9-0 .... Pat Eddery 90

BETTING: 11-8 Tibullo, 7-2 Gallic League, 5-1 Zelphi, 6-1 Shehiyr, 8-1 Always Fair, 14-1 Intimidate, 33-1 Shabanaz.

1987: RISK ME 9-0 S Cauthen (5-2 fav) P Kelleway 8 ran

FORM ALWAYS FAIR (9-0) 1½l 2nd to Warning (9-0) at Doncaster (7f, £32670, good, Sep 11, 4 ran).

GALLIC LEAGUE (9-0) beat Rahy (9-0) 1½l at Newmarket (6f, £48224, firm, Oct 3, 5 ran). Unproven at this trip.

INTIMIDATE (8-8) 1¾l 4th to Sizzling Melody (9-11) at Longchamp on favoured heavy ground (6f, £20878, Oct 18, 8 ran).

SHEHIYR (8-11) 3l winner from well regarded Moscow Society (8-11) on Nottingham debut (1m 50yd, £3431, soft, Oct 27, 12 ran).

TIBULLO (8-11) winner of a Group One event in Rome (1m, £35265, heavy, Oct 13, 13 ran) by 6l from Lonely Bird (8-8).

ZELPHI (8-10) short head winner from Lapierre (9-0) on Kempton reappearance (1m, £9006, soft, Apr 2, 8 ran).

Selection: GALLIC LEAGUE

3.30 LANES END JOHN PORTER EBF STAKES (Group III: £24,147: 1m 4f) (9 runners) BBC 1

401 (8) 410330- SIR HARRY LEWIS 147 (D,F,G,S) (H Kaskel) B Hills 4-9-2 .... M Hills 97
402 (2) 11111-2 HIGHLAND CHIEFTAIN 21 (D,F,G,S) (D Hunnisett) J Dunlop 5-8-13 .... W Carson 94
403 (6) 101020- LADY BENTLEY 160 (G,S) (M Suhail) Mrs L Piggott 4-8-13 .... Pat Eddery 84
404 (9) 123100- ALA HOUNAK 182 (D,F,G,S) (Capt F Sarndan) F Durr 4-8-10 .... G Starkey 90
405 (3) 4/22001- ALWASMI 201 (D,G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 4-8-10 .... R Hills 83
406 (1) 121101- LAKE ERIE 175 (CD,G,S) (C Hirmes) M Stoute 5-8-10 .... W R Swinburn ● 99
407 (5) 10110- QUEXIOSS 263 (CD,G,S) (Dr C Vittadini) H Cecil 4-8-10 .... S Cauthen 92
408 (7) 323230- SARONICOS 188 (D,F,G) (A Richards) C Brittain 5-8-10 .... M Roberts 89
409 (4) 110433- WATERFIELD 175 (D,G) (A Oldrey) P Walwyn 4-8-10 .... P Cook 91

BETTING: 6-4 Sir Harry Lewis, 7-2 Lake Erie, 5-1 Highland Chieftain, 8-1 Quexioss, 14-1 Saronicos, Alwasmi, 16-1 Ala Hounak, 20-1 Waterfield, 25-1 Lady Bentley.

1987: RAKAPOSHI KING 5-8-10 S Cauthen (13-2) H Cecil 12 ran

FORM SIR HARRY LEWIS (9-0) best effort when winning the Irish Derby at the Curragh (1m 4f, £329250, soft, June 27, 8 ran) by ¾l from Naheez (9-0).

HIGHLAND CHIEFTAN (9-3) 5½l 2nd to Beau Zam (8-3) in a Group One race in Australia (1m 4f, £241245, soft, Mar 26, 9 ran).

LADY BENTLEY showed best form when (8-8) 4½l 2nd to Tony Bin (9-3) at Rome in October (1m 4f, £119976, heavy, Oct 17, 10 ran).

ALA HOUNAK (8-11) beat Legal Bid (9-5) ¾l at Goodwood (1m 6f, £10948, good to firm, Aug 29, 5 ran).

LAKE ERIE (9-0) comfortable 4l winner from Ivory Fields (8-4) over course and distance (£16770, heavy, Oct 24, 11 ran) with WATERFIELD (8-7) ¾l 3rd.

QUEXIOSS (8-10) ¾l Haydock listed winner from Spruce Baby (8-10) (1m 4f, £8174, good to soft, July 2, 3 ran).

SARONICOS (9-3) 6¾l 5th to Buckley (9-3) at Newmarket (2m, £19172, good to firm, Oct 1, 11 ran) with ALA HOUNAK (8-4) 9th.

Selection: SIR HARRY LEWIS

4.0 BURGHCLERE STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,588: 1m 3f) (8 runners)

501 (8) 41- CHIEF MOLE 199 (F) (Mrs C Heath) L Cumani 9-1 .... R Cochrane 91
502 (5) 143- BORKAAN 199 (S) (Sheikh A Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 8-13 .... B Raymond 90
503 (1) 122- GOLDEN WAVE 239 (C,S) (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 8-3 .... W Carson ● 99
509 (3) 2U441- DASTUR 206 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-9 .... Pat Eddery 95
510 (7) 40-1 JORURI 12 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 8-9 .... M Roberts 86
512 (4) 213-1 NICKLE PLATED 12 (G,S) (E Moller) G Wragg 8-9 .... Paul Eddery 93
513 (6) 1-0 PROPERO 12 (S) (A Foustok) R Boss 8-9 .... W R Swinburn 81
514 (2) 31- SMART ROBERTO 185 (S) (S Khaled) J Dunlop 8-9 .... S Cauthen 87

BETTING: 7-2 Chief Mole, 4-1 Nickle Plated, 9-2 Smart Roberto, 5-1 Golden Wave, 8-1 Dastur, 12-1 Joruri, 16-1 Borkaan, 20-1 Propero.

1987: SUNSET BOULEVARD 9-0 T Ives (13-8) L Piggott 4 ran

4.30 EBF ST ANNE'S MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,359: 5f) (16 runners)

601 (5) BECAUSE BECAUSE (J Mersden) R Hannon 8-11 .... W Carson —
602 (4) BOCAS ROSE (R Bernard) R Hannon 8-11 .... B Rouse —
603 (16) DEVILS DIRGE (Giles Pritchard-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 .... S Cauthen —
605 (3) FROGS FIRST (J Fnel) Mrs B Waring 8-11 .... J Williams —
606 (14) FULL OF SAUCE (Cheveley Park Stud) R Williams 8-11 .... R Cochrane —
607 (7) 0 GALWEX LADY 8 (Avondum Ltd) M McCormack 8-11 .... C Rutter —
608 (12) HONG KONG GIRL (Miss A McDonald) J Berry 8-11 .... T Ives —
609 (1) HOT WIRE (R Welling) D O'Donnell 8-11 .... J Reid —
610 (8) ISLAND ADVENTURE (D Adams) R Simpson 8-11 .... J Curant —
611 (6) LADY BLUES SINGER (BTRB Plc) B Hills 8-11 .... M Hills —
612 (9) LAND OF PLENTY (R Bolam) M Fetherston-Godley 8-11 .... Pat Eddery —
614 (15) MISS HISSY (Lord R Russell) M McCormack 8-11 .... B Raymond —
615 (2) 0 PUFF PUFF 8 (P Crate) H O'Neil 8-11 .... W Newnes —
616 (11) SHAYAMA (Mrs B Taylor) M McCourt 8-11 .... Paul Eddery —
617 (13) SHILLELAGH (G Ward) D Arbuthnot 8-11 .... W R Swinburn —
619 (10) WAKI RAINBOW (Y Nasib) P Kelleway 8-11 .... C Asmussen —

BETTING: 7-2 Lady Blues Singer, 9-2 Land Of Plenty, 6-1 Waki Rainbow, 8-1 Devil's Dirge, 10-1 Shillelagh, 12-1 Miss Hissy, Hong Kong Girl, 14-1 Because Because, Full Of Sauce, 16-1 others.

1987: STRIDE HOME 8-11 T Quinn (6-4 fav) P Cole 6 ran

5.0 COMPTON MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,126: 1m str) (27 runners)

2 (23) AMUNDSEN (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 .... W R Swinburn —
4 (1) 3- CAPE PIGEON 197 (Sheikh Mohammed) I Balding 9-0 .... T Ives ● 99
5 (11) CEDARS ROCK (Elisha Holding) E Eldin 9-0 .... G Starkey —
6 (22) COLONEL CHINSTRAP (R Gibbons) C Benstead 9-0 .... —
7 (27) CRETAN BOY (Mrs N Kairis) M Usher 9-0 .... A McGlone —
8 (9) FATHER THOMAS (R Rice) M McCormack 9-0 .... S Horsfall (5) —
10 (19) 0- GREAT SALING 188 (R McAlpine) B Hills 9-0 .... R Street —
11 (2) 30- HOUSE OF COMMONS 197 (W Gredley) C Brittain 9-0 .... R Cochrane 95
12 (26) HUJUM (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 9-0 .... B Rouse —
13 (18) JAVANESE (B Firestone) Mrs L Piggott 9-0 .... B Raymond —
14 (5) JUNAYZ (K Al-Said) B Hills 9-0 .... D Lees (7) —
15 (8) 0- LORD LAMMAS 179 (Mrs A Larsson) A Stewart 9-0 .... M Roberts —
17 (15) 0- MARCH BIRD 231 (A Nolan) J Sutcliffe 9-0 .... R Hills —
19 (12) MULFIT (Sheikh A Al Maktoum) W Hern 9-0 .... W Carson —
21 (7) ROCKSAVAGE (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 9-0 .... Paul Eddery —
23 (14) 0- SHOT AND SHELL 273 (P Mellon) I Balding 9-0 .... P Cook 80
24 (4) 4- STONE FOREST 162 (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0 .... M Hills 74
26 (5) UGANDAN AFFAIRS (P Dyson) P Makin 9-0 .... M Kettle —
27 (21) VASSAL (Mrs M Clark) H Candy 9-0 .... W Newnes —
28 (24) 0 WATTLEDAUB 7 (D Wakefield) P Cundell 9-0 .... S Whitworth —
30 (16) 0- ASHSHAMA 168 (Prince A A Faisal) J Dunlop 8-11 .... J Reid —
31 (10) 0- AVIONNE 246 (Mrs E Wood) R Hannon 8-11 .... —
32 (25) 0- BLUE ARIA 177 (D Allen) I Balding 8-11 .... J Matthias 74
33 (20) 00- MARTIAN PRINCESS 211 (H Mould) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 .... G Carter 97
34 (13) 0- RASMARA 175 (H H Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 8-11 .... S Cauthen 80
36 (3) 00- VICTORIA LINE 180 (Mrs J Buckle) G Balding 8-11 .... J Williams 72
37 (17) 0- ZAGADKA 290 (J Ciechanowski) D O'Donnell 8-11 .... J Quinn (5) —

BETTING: 5-1 Mulfit, 11-2 Cape Pigeon, 6-1 Amundsen, 7-1 House Of Commons, 8-1 Stone Forest, 10-1 Rasmara, 12-1 Martian Princess, 14-1 Lord Lammas, 16-1 Ashshama, 20-1 others.

1987: VERSATILE 9-0 T Ives (12-1) I Balding 13 ran

STRATFORD

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Miss Lawsuit. 2.45 King Neon. 3.15 Boardmans Crown. 3.45 Honeyman. 4.15 Sea Island. 4.45 Outlaw. 5.15 Tangalooma.

Brian Beel's selection: 2.45 King Neon.

Going: firm

2.15 ILMINGTON FILLIES SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: fillies: £799: 2m) (16 runners)

1 0012 MAMAMERE 2 (G) S Cole 11-4 .... —
2 P042 MISS LAWSUIT 12 (S) L Cottrell 11-4 .... R Millman
4 0 ACHNAHUAIGH 108 J Bradley 10-12 .... —
5 2 ARUM LILY 21F N Tinkler 10-12 .... G McCourt
6 0000 BABY COME HOME 50 Mrs C Postlethwaite 10-12 .... —
8 BRARENA 315F K Wingrove 10-12 .... —
10 000 COME ON OYSTON 19 (B) F Yardley 10-12 .... C Cox
11 0000 DOHTY BABY 10F R Thompson 10-12 .... A Webb
12 F006 FINAL RUSH 38 K Wingrove 10-12 .... —
13 P0 FLYING SILENTLY 44 R Manning 10-12 .... A Jones
15 P004 HATSHEPSUT 38 A Smith 10-12 .... —
17 4 KUMZAR 8 J Bradley 10-12 .... G Davies
18 0F0 LADY SILCA KEY 12 Miss J Thorne 10-12 .... N Dawe
20 P LAVANDOU LEGEND 10F P Cundell 10-12 .... —
22 000P OSEE FAST 128 D Tucker 10-12 .... —
24 0003 SPARKLING JUBY 35 D Carey 10-12 .... B de Haan

BETTING: 6-4 Arum Lily, 5-2 Miss Lawsuit, 5-1 Mamamere, 6-1 Kumzar, 10-1 Hatshepsut, 25-1 Dohty Baby.

2.45 BAULKING GREEN HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £680: 2m 6f) (7)

1 -0/41 CORKED 12 (F,G,S) Mrs A Villar 9-12-10 .... P Harding Jones (7)
3 2F13 KING NEON 14 (CD,F,G,S) G Cook 8-12-10 .... A Hill (4)
5 DYNETTO H Jarvis 9-12-0 .... NON-RUNNER
7 P INKY BAY 10 D Shorey 7-12-0 .... A Miller (7)
9 4-23 TRUE BLOOM 12 (S) G Tarry 9-12-0 .... G Tarry (7)
10 P/0- VALUED OPINION 327 Mrs S Harbour 9-12-0 .... J McClenaghan (7)
12 P-P AUGUST FOLLY 12 C Mayers 8-11-9 .... G Godsall (7)

BETTING: 6-4 Corked, 13-8 King Neon, 4-1 True Bloom, 20-1 Dynetto, 25-1 Inky Bay, Valued Opinion, 33-1 August Folly.

3.15 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Final: £4,464: 3m 2f) (

2 1042 MET OFFICER 18 (G,S) M Skinner 8-11-10 .... J White
4 4011 BOARDMANS CROWN 16 (G,S) J Webber 8-11-3 .... (4ex) M Jenkins
5 F022 BUMBLES FOLLY 17 (S) D Barons 7-11-1 .... P Nicholls
6 12 RED CRAIG ROYAL 16 (BF,S) J Wharton 10-10-11 .... P Dever
7 1P04 KENSTONE 12 (S) D Williams 9-10-11 .... —
8 P4PP TABOOMA 12 (F) J Edwards 7-10-9 .... —
9 2204 LAKEFIELD 16 J Bukovets 9-10-6 .... —
11 4202 LAFOSSE 46 (G,S) Mrs J Pitman 7-10-6 .... B de Haan
13 F302 DEL MAR 7 N Thick 9-10-0 .... A Webb

BETTING: 11-4 Met Officer, 100-30 Boardmans Crown, 9-2 Red Craig Royal, 11-2 Lafosse, 8-1 Bumbles Folly.

3.45 COURTAULDS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,136: 2m) (12)

4 2040 QURRAT AL AIN 43 (D,F,G,S) M H Easterby 5-11-10 .... —
7 0000 TINAS LAD 45 (F,G) J Edwards 5-11-9 .... —
14 2321 TREMAR LAD 10 (D,F,G) J Jenkins 6-11-6 (7ex) .... —
15 10-0 HONEYMAN 12 (CD,F) C J Bell 6-11-5 .... N Fearn (4)
20 1300 SIR DUBEL 19 (D,F) P Ransom 7-11-1 .... C Cox
21 0009 KILLINICK DUKE 119 (D,F) O O'Neill 7-11-1 .... N Babbage
29 0831 BLACK RIVER 12 (D,S) P Davis 7-10-11 (7ex) .... Tanya Davis (4)
30 240- ALDINGTON MILL 362 (D,F,G) C Trietline 8-10-10 .... P Dever
33 1000 SHOUT 12 (D,F,G) Miss S Wilton 8-10-5 .... S Davies (7)
39 PP34 LIBERTY WALK 12 (V) G Gracey 9-10-0 .... J Smith (7)
40 0FU- NEON 214F J Harris 7-10-0 .... K Sims
41 00-6 LOCHFEN 16 D Greig 7-10-0 .... M Bastard

Long handicap: Liberty Walk 9-13, Neon 8-13, Lochfen 8-11.

BETTING: 5-2 Tremar Lad, 3-1 Black River, 4-1 Honeyman, 9-2 Tinas Lad, 8-1 Aldington Mill, 12-1 Qurrat Al Ain.

4.15 BIGWOOD HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,985: 2m) (11)

4 1012 SEA ISLAND 9 (D,G,S) M Pipe 10-12 .... P Scudamore
5 0PP CRESPIN 29 (B) G Thorner 10-10 .... K Mooney
8 P110 FAIRTHORNE LAD 28 (D,BF,F,S) M Madgwick 10-10 .... Dale McKeown
12 3000 INTROVERT 77 A Smith 10-10 .... —
13 1013 IT'S VARADAN 35 (CD,S) H O'Neill 10-10 .... D Gallagher (4)
14 4042 KINGSWOOD RESOPAL 28 (B,F) A Moore 10-10 .... W Morris
18 ROCKFELLA 175F M Wilkinson 10-10 .... G McCourt
23 D200 TOUCH OF SPEED 42 M Francis 10-10 .... C Cox
27 200 WOOD CHISEL 49 N Henderson 10-10 .... J White
29 044F RUSSIAN LULLABY 43 (D,G) Mrs S Oliver 10-5 .... R Hyett
32 0000 STAR CITY 182 J Bradley 10-5 .... G Davies

BETTING: 4-6 Sea Island, 5-1 Kingswood Resopal, 6-1 Fairthorne Lad, 8-1 It's Varadan, 12-1 Wood Chisel.

4.45 PRAGNELL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,298: 2m) (10)

4 1123 YANGTSE-KIANG 196 (F,G) (CD) J Bradley 8-11-10 .... G Davies
6 -043 ANNETTE'S DELIGHT 133 (D,F,G,S) G Gracey 9-11-8 .... G McCourt
8 01F2 OUTLAW 22 (D,BF,F,G,S) J Edwards 9-11-6 .... —
9 2FFF SHARP SONG 32 (F,G) T Fairhurst 7-11-4 .... H Davies
10 0U09 AKRAM 14 (CD,F,G,S) R Hodges 10-11-4 .... W Irvine (7)
11 2140 SKYLANDER 10 (D,F,G) S Christian 9-11-3 .... K Mooney
12 F24F ALDRO 11 (D,G,S) W Clay 12-11-3 .... —
14 2330 PETER ANTHONY 50 (D,F,G,S) R Hickman 10-10-13 .... P Warner
19 1332 WILD ARGOSY 12 (D,F,G,S) T Bill 9-10-0 .... N Fearn (4)
20 330P NEW KAYBER 10 (D,F,G) Mrs G Jones 9-10-0 .... C Smith

Long handicap: Wild Argosy 9-13, New Kayber 9-13.

BETTING: 2-1 Outlaw, 5-2 Annette's Delight, 7-2 Skylander, 11-2 Yangtse-Kiang, 7-1 Wild Argosy, 16-1 Peter Anthony.

5.15 YOUNG STAYERS NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,204: 2m 6f) (10)

1 1430 TABAREEK 23 (F,G,S) M Pipe 11-9 .... P Scudamore
3 021 SUNSET SAM 193 (S) R Hodges 11-2 .... W Irvine (7)
4 0400 FIRST CITIZEN 36 (B) B Smart 10-10 .... B de Haan
6 2349 GO SOUTH 36 J Jenkins 10-10 .... —
11 9002 PERTEMPS NETWORK 21F R Hollinshead 10-10 .... P Dever
12 0000 R LAD 21 M Madgwick 10-10 .... Dale McKeown
14 GLO NOBLE 228F J Harris 10-5 .... K Sims
15 00 MEHBOOBA 10 (B) J Spearing 10-5 .... A Webb
16 00 MERYETT 22 R Armytage 10-5 .... Gee Armytage
17 024 TANGALOOMA 44 (BF) Mrs M Rimell 10-5 .... G McCourt

BETTING: 6-5 Tangalooma, 9-2 Pertemps Network, Tabareek, 8-1 Sunset Sam, 10-1 First Citizen, 16-1 Meryett.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: M H Easterby, 5 winners from 16 runners, 31.3%; J Edwards, 7 from 23, 30.4%; N Henderson, 10 from 33, 30.3%; Mrs J Pitman, 9 from 35, 25.7%; M Pipe, 10 from 49, 20.4%; T Bill, 4 from 24, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: Mr A Hill, 3 winners from 3 rides, 100.0%; J White, 4 from 18, 22.2%; K Mooney, 7 from 34, 20.6%; G McCourt, 6 from 31, 19.4%; B de Haan, 5 from 32, 15.6%; P Scudamore, 8 from 69, 11.6%.



HUNTINGDON

Selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Rusty Law. 2.30 Condicote Boy. 3.0 Golden Delicious. 3.30 Murajah. 4.0 Solar Cloud. 4.30 Courageous Charger.

Going: firm

2.0 OFFORD NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £986: 2m 4f) (22 runners)

1 441P FEELING ROSEY 21 (D,G,S) D Todd 6-11-8 .... A J Quinn (7)
2 0310 ABBREVIATION 9 (G) J Gifford 5-11-7 .... R Rowe
3 0004 NAMOOS 12 (S) A Moore 7-11-7 .... Candy Moore (4)
5 3012 RUSTY LAW 12 (CD,BF,S) M Banks .... D Skyrme (7)
10 020P ARABIAN BLUES 26 B Stevens 5-11-0 .... R Strange
12 8-00 DORAYTHYM 25 M Skinner 6-11-0 .... S Woods (4)
13 004 DUKE'S WHISTLE 19 D Nicholson 5-11-0 .... R Dunwoody
15 00 FRESH'N'FLO LAD 142 D Bell 6-11-0 .... —
16 000 GIDDY BRIG 12 S Harris 7-11-0 .... C Mann
18 0P2 HENISKI 37 R O'Sullivan 5-11-0 .... R Guest
19 0-P0 MERRY ROY 35 J Twibell 6-11-0 .... —
21 3343 OLD FORD TAVERN 198 (F) J Jenkins 7-11-0 .... J Duggan
27 0P00 SPARTAN RAFT 10 G Prest 7-11-0 .... —
28 P-F0 SPEEDY BOY 170 G Enright 6-11-0 .... M Perrett
30 6- TIPPER LAD 350 C Lee 6-11-0 .... T Woolley (7)
32 P-0P WING BEE 29 A Gonsalves 5-11-0 .... —
33 BELLE JOHNNY C Charlet 5-10-9 .... N Kobler (7)
35 0-PP COOPERHOLME 12 Mrs B Squires 7-10-9 .... Penny Ffitch-Heyes (4)
38 3-PP PLATINUM STAR 36 T Kersey 5-10-9 .... —
41 0P00 SILVER CIRRUS 12 M Skinner 6-10-9 .... Lorna Vincent
42 P0- STATFOLD PAM 505 T Bill 5-10-9 .... C Kellett (7)
43 0- KADRA 11 R Weaver 4-10-2 .... R Bellamy (7)

BETTING: 11-4 Rusty Law, 3-1 Abbreviation, 9-2 Duke's Whistle, 6-1 Namoos, 8-1 Feeling Rosey, 10-1 Old Ford Tavern.

2.30 ST NEOTS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (1,088: 2m 200yd) (11)

1 0U11 CONDICOTE BOY 14 (S) D Nicholson 7-12-3 (7ex) .... R Dunwoody
6 3340 MISTER BUTLER 110 (F,G) P Jones 9-11-0 .... M Kinane
7 14P4 INDIAN 14 (B,S) J Glover 9-10-12 .... S Harris (7)
9 400P ALTO CUMULUS 12 N Gaselee 6-10-5 .... A Adams (7)
10 P0F2 FAARIS 12 (G) P Howling 7-10-0 .... J Barlow
11 0P02 PLEATED 12 J King 6-10-0 .... —
12 4630 RIDE HIGH 42 T Casey 10-10-0 .... P Harley (7)
13 000F CELTIC CRACKLE 106 (F) P Cundell 8-10-0 .... R Strange
14 0020 NEWMARKET SAUSAGE 7 (F,G,S) T Kersey 7-10-0 .... T P White (7)
16 0-PP BRYNTIRION 12 F Coton 7-10-0 .... Penny Ffitch-Heyes (4)
19 20P0 NOBLE RISE 65 (B) M Tompkins 5-10-0 .... R Supple (4)

Long handicap: Pleated 9-13, Ride High 9-12, Celtic Crackle 9-11, Newmarket Sausage 9-9, Bryntirion 9-5, Noble Rise 9-1.

BETTING: 5-2 Condicote Boy, 3-1 Indian, 9-2 Pleated, 6-1 Newmarket Sausage, 8-1 Mister Butler, 10-1 Faaris.

3.0 PAXTON HANDICAP CHASE (£1,932: 3m) (11)

1 4F10 STONEY CREEK 12 (B,CD,G,S) K Bailey 8-11-10 .... P Croucher
2 -4FP BALLYMULLISH 12 (D,G) J Gifford 8-11-10 .... R Rowe
3 -33 GOLDEN DELICIOUS 10 (BF,F,G) D Nicholson 8-11-4 .... R Dunwoody
S McNeill
7 020F PELION 47 (G,S) J King 8-10-13 .... M Williams
9 F/P3 TAR KNIGHT 57 (D,F,G) M Skinner 11-10-10 .... R Goldstein
10 -FP4 BOLD ACCLAIM 17 (B) J Joseph 7-10-9 .... —
12 21 ALTE-XPRESS 14 (S) R O'Sullivan 9-10-9 (6ex) .... M Kinane
13 3-0P LODGE'S FORTUNE 184 (F,G) Mrs N Sharpe 13-10-8 .... A Sharpe
16 F403 PRYDEL 12 (B,D,F) R Champion 10-10-6 .... Mr T Grantham
18 3P00 OGDEN YORK 17 (F) J Jenkins 7-10-5 .... J Duggan
21 4-F4 WOODLAND GENERATOR 12 (S) P Pritchard 9-10-0 .... R Stronge

Long handicap: Woodland Generator 9-2.

BETTING: 5-2 Alte-Express, 7-2 Golden Delicious, 5-1 Stoney Creek, 7-1 Prydel, 9-1 Woodland Generator.

3.30 OFFORD NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £980: 2m 4f) (17)

10 000 BEST SMILE 22 G Enright 5-11-0 .... M Perrett
14 PP00 DRAGONADE 12 A Moore 7-11-0 .... Candy Moore (4)
18 P- GOLDEN VIEW 581 H Jackson 6-11-0 .... K Burke (4)
19 0000 IRISH DILEMMA 12 T Kersey 5-11-0 .... —
21 P00 LEPUS 37 A J Wilson 5-11-0 .... S Cowley
23 2P21 MURAJAH 108 (B,S) K Bailey 4-11-0 .... P Croucher
26 00/ ROAN MIST 7412 (B) T Rollingson 10-11-0 .... M Furlong
27 003 ROARS OF APPLAUSE 25 D Ringer 6-11-0 .... D Murphy
29 0220 THE CHERRY MAN 12 (B,G) O Sherwood 6-11-0 .... —
31 P0P0 TOWN JESTER 21 J Sayers 5-11-0 .... —
32 0000 VARSITY 12 (B) R Curtis 5-11-0 .... R Goldstein
34 0003 DON'T BE SILLY 14 Mrs C Clark 7-10-9 .... —
35 PPPP FRENCH PATH 17 D Bell 8-10-9 .... —
36 0P PANIC 12 Mrs H Mobley 5-10-9 .... R Bellamy (7)
38 0008 PARISIENNE LARK 12 C Lee 8-10-9 .... D Shaw
41 0000 LITTLE TIMING 3 J Joseph 4-10-7 .... R Rowe
43 030 LADY TIKI 17 R Weaver 4-10-2 .... R Dunwoody

BETTING: 3-1 Murajah, 7-2 Roars For Applause, 9-2 The Cherry Man, 8-1 Lady Tiki, 10-1 Parisienne Lark.

4.0 CROWLAND NOVICES CHASE (£1,068: 2m 4f) (15)

4 0F01 SOLAR CLOUD 12 (G,S) D Nicholson 8-11-11 .... R Dunwoody
6 00FP CELTIC BARD 42 T Bill 6-11-4 .... C Kellett (7)
7 1400 DAVY'S WEIR 85 (F,G) J Gifford 8-11-4 .... R Rowe
8 0-00 DENSLADS 147 P Hedger 8-11-4 .... C Cox
9 /020 DIE IN THE SKY 112 S Norton 7-11-4 .... M Perrett
13 F00U LE GRAND MAITRE 7 G Roe 7-11-4 .... P McDermott (7)
18 0-44 PUNTERS LAD 168 (G) P Howling 8-11-4 .... J Barlow
20 -0F4 SOUND OF MULL 12 P Bailey 6-11-4 .... —
21 0PPP SOUTHERNS 21 (G) J Gifford 6-11-4 .... —
28 0042 PRECIPICE MOSS 40 (G) Mrs I McKie 8-10-13 .... P Croucher
29 U00F RUBADARK 16 (S) (B) R Juckes 7-10-13 .... —
30 PF00 THAMES AIR 17 Mrs S Richardson 8-10-13 .... S Cowley
31 P CEDAR RUN 182 P Cundell 5-10-10 .... R Stronge
32 -800 FIESTA DANCE 148 J Leigh 5-10-10 .... P Blackburn
34 0PPP MATCHLESSLY 47 P Pritchard 5-10-10 .... —

BETTING: 11-4 Solar Cloud, 3-1 Davy's Weir, 7-2 Precipice Moss, 8-1 Punters Lad, 12-1 Sound Of Mull, 14-1 others.

4.30 BIRCHARGER HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,242: 3m 1f) (13)

10 -000 COURAGEOUS CHARGER 32 (F) G Enright 6-11-10 .... M Perrett
11 0420 NORTHERN FLATS 32 (G) W G M Turner 8-11-9 .... P Holley (7)
12 0330 MOORLAND LADY 11 (F) P Hedger 6-11-9 .... P Corrigan
16 2002 CHART FINDER 46 (B) A Smith 6-11-5 .... P Croucher
17 1003 PECHE D'OR 12 (B,S) P Cundell 4-11-4 .... C Haywood (7)
18 2200 KITTY WREN 12 (B,F,G) G Roe 8-11-3 .... P McDermott (7)
21 000F ROSA RULER 12 (D,F) I Wardle 10-11-1 .... M Williams
23 0000 DAME FLORA 40 (F) W Kemp 6-10-13 .... S Shilston
24 P0PP CELTIC CRACKER 40 (G,S) R Harrop 10-10-12 .... J Barlow
30 /P00 BARCHAM PRINCE 12 (S) T Kersey 6-10-8 .... —
31 F000 BLACKWELL BOY 43 (B,G) A James 7-10-5 .... J Bryan
32 00-0 CAN'T DISCLOSE 22 (V) S Dow 7-10-1 .... R Guest
35 00PP PAUPERS PRIDE 12 D Bell 8-10-0 .... —

Long handicap: Paupers Pride 9-12.

BETTING: 100-30 Northern Flats, 4-1 Chart Finder, 9-2 Moorland Lady, 6-1 Peche D'Or, 8-1 Kitty Wren.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: T Bill, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; M Banks, 4 from 13, 30.8%; O Sherwood, 8 from 33, 24.2%; P Cundell, 3 from 18, 16.7%; T Casey, 5 from 33, 15.2%; J Gifford, 12 from 82, 14.6%.

JOCKEYS: R Guest, 8 winners from 23 rides, 26.1%; P Croucher, 3 from 15, 20.0%; C Cox, 4 from 23, 17.4%; S Shilston, 3 from 21, 14.3%. (Only qualifiers).

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Selections

By Mandarin

2.20 The Demon Barber.	4.10 Mithras.
2.50 Dunkirk.	4.45 Jinxy Jack.
3.25 Randolph Place.	5.15 Flying Ace.
	5.45 Mountebor.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.20 QUICK DANCER.

Brian Beel's selection: 5.15 Flying Ace.

Going: good

2.20 KYLES OF BUTE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,204: 2m) (12 runners)

1 F0302/1- HONEYGROVE BANKER 546 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Lloyd) D McCain 7-12-0 .... N Doughty 89
2 1-00221 THE DEMON BARBER 11 (D,G,S) (R Cuppa) G W Richards 6-11-9 (6ex) .... P Tuck 88
3 021111 SEA PENNANT 14 (D,F,S) (I Jones) I R Jones 12-11-4 (4ex) .... V Kennedy (4) 91
4 0021/0 SHEAN LAD 11 (G) (F Tyldesley) Miss L Siddall 8-10-13 .... M Dwyer —
5 1113-00 RIBO MELODY 10F (D,G) (J Coxon) J Jefferson 5-10-12 .... M Hill 80
7 10-1010 MEADOW MOOR 50 (D,F,G,S) (L Munro) D A Lamb 5-10-11 .... K Jones 84
9 1-0 ALL FAIR 12F (D,F) (T Bell) R Whitaker 7-10-10 .... R Beggan 90
10 P02P40 KATY QUICK 12 (D,S) (F Barlow) M Naughton 7-10-4 .... P Harte (7) 88
11 000303 FIEFDOM 5 (D,F,G) (C Clark) W Storey 8-10-0 .... Fiona Storey 96
12 144202 QUICK DANCER 7 (D,G) (J S Wilson) J S Wilson 5-10-0 .... Mr D Mactaggart (7) ● 99
13 100/00-F ROMAN DELIGHT 147 (D,S) (W Lockey) J Charlton 7-10-0 .... B Storey —
14 04021 KIRSTY'S BOY 24 (D,S) (Mrs K McClelland) J S Wilson 5-10-0 .... P Niven 85

Long handicap: Quick Dancer 9-12, Roman Delight 9-7, Kirsty's Boy 9-1

BETTING: 11-4 The Demon Barber, 3-1 Sea Pennant, 9-2 Quick Dancer, 6-1 Honegrove Banker, 8-1 Fiefdom, 10-1 Katy Quick, 12-1 others.

1987: NORTON WARRIOR 4-10-2 L Wyer (2-1) M H Easterby 5 ran

2.50 ROYAL HIGHLAND FUSILIERS CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£3,707: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

2 413420 LITTLE BAY 7 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs S Catherwood) G W Richards 13-11-10 .... P Tuck 93
5 PFP211 DUNKIRK 10 (D,G,S) (J Hartnett) M Francis 12-11-0 (6ex) .... M Richards 92
6 111240 IDA'S DELIGHT 7 (C,F,G,S) (J Charlton) J Charlton 9-10-11 .... B Storey ● 99
7 322U-03 RIVERS EDGE 12 (D,F,G,S) (D Knights) Denys Smith 10-10-4 .... M Dwyer 90
8 4-32102 BROTHER GEOFFREY 2 (BF,D,G,S) (G Brittain) C Thornton 9-10-0 .... D Wilkinson 85

Long handicap: Brother Geoffrey 9-11

BETTING: 11-8 Dunkirk, 5-2 Ida's Delight, 7-2 Little Bay, 6-1 Rivers Edge, 12-1 Brother Geoffrey.

1987: ADEN APOLLO 6-10-9 D Nolan (9-2) T Craig 3 ran

3.25 EDINBURGH WOOLLEN MILL FUTURE CHAMPIONS NOVICES CHASE (Feature race: winner £9,786: 2m) (6 runners) C 4

1 1111FF RANDOLPH PLACE 32 (CD,G,S) (Edinburgh Woollen Mill) G W Richards 7-11-13 .... P Tuck ● 99
2 1P24U1 JIM THORPE 8 (D,F,G,S) (M C Inns Ltd) G W Richards 7-11-10 .... M Dwyer 98
5 30131F HIGH DEBATE 11 (CD,S) (J Hibbet) J Jefferson 7-11-7 .... — 78
6 30/2U24 COLONEL ROSE 9 (F,G,S) (T Goldie) T Goldie 11-11-3 .... P Niven 67
7 032123 FERVENT HOPE 8 (D,F,S) (D Lunt) D McCain 6-11-3 .... N Doughty 75
8 11-1F21 TRESIDDER 12 (D,G,S) (S Brewer) M W Easterby 6-11-3 .... R Beggan 86

BETTING: 13-8 Randolph Place, 9-4 Jim Thorpe, 6-1 Tresidder, 12-1 Colonel Rose, 14-1 Fervent Hope.

1987: GENERAL CHANDOS 6-11-3 Mr J Bradburne (8-1) J Bradburne 5 ran

FORM JIM THORPE (11-8) beat Danish Flight (11-11) 3l at Liverpool (2m, £6561, good, Apr 8, 7 ran) with FERVENT HOPE (11-1) 20l 3rd.

HIGH DEBATE (11-5) best effort a 12l 3rd to Danish Flight (11-5) at Nottingham (2m, £11128, good, Feb 20, 4 ran) with RANDOLPH PLACE (11-10) close up when falling four out.

RANDOLPH PLACE (11-7) best effort a distance defeat of Private Views (11-7) here (2m 4f, £10272, soft, Jan 29, 7 ran).

COLONEL ROSE (10-2) 15l 4th to Worthy Knight (10-0) at Liverpool (2m 4f, £6701, good, Apr 7, 8 ran).

TRESIDDER (12-3) beat Ballycrackers (11-10) 1½l at Market Rasen (2m, £1293, good to soft, Apr 4, 7 ran).

Selection: JIM THORPE

4.10 WILLIAM HILL SCOTTISH NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE (£25,750: 4m 120yd) (17 runners) C 4

2 121103 HARDY LAD 24 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs J Milligan) B Wilkinson 11-11-7 .... J Osborne (4) 93
3 U1030U LITTLE POLVEIR 7 (CD,G,S) (M Shone) J Edwards 11-11-4 .... R Beggan 97
4 FU1213 STAR OF SCREEN 38 (BF,F,G,S) (R McAlpine) J Edwards 8-11-3 .... Mr M Richards (4) 90
5 0124/00- ANDROMA 413 (CD,F,G,S) (A Sayles) J FitzGerald 11-11-3 .... M Dwyer —
6 122233 THE LANGHOLM DYER 56 (BF,C,F,G,S) (Edinburgh Mill) G Richards 9-11-1 .... P Tuck 95
7 010240 KNOCK HILL 30 (G,S) (P Thompson) J Webber 12-10-12 .... G Mernagh 96
8 3111U1 MITHRAS 38 (F,G,S) (Mrs H Richards) B Preece 10-10-7 .... G Landau 91
9 024211 OVER THE ROAD 11 (S) (J Upson) T Casey 7-10-6 88
10 P13-024 SOLARES 14 (G,S) (S Berry) J Berry 8-10-4 .... N Doughty 91
11 12-4PP3 MIGHTY MARK 19 (G) (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 9-10-4 .... B Storey 90
12 32231F WHATS WHAT 12 (F,G,S) (Mrs D Bousfield) B Bousfield 9-10-1 .... C Hawkins 97
13 411323 CHEENY'S BRIG 35 (C,G,S) (B Mactaggart) B Mactaggart 8-10-0 .... T Reed ● 99
14 431P12 ARDESEE 25 (BF,G,S) (Midland Racing Ltd) D Wintle 8-10-0 .... A Carroll 98
17 1P-4121 BRANDY HAMBRO 14 (S) (R A Green) C Parker 7-10-0 .... K Doolan 96
18 UPPFPF PERHAPS LUCKY 12 (F,G) (Mrs V Hodges) D Elsworth 11-10-0 .... —
19 000222 THE HOWLET 5 (F,G,S) (W S Wilson) I Oliver 9-10-0 .... T Reed 71
20 P24P2P PAMPERING 31 (Mrs J Bockbank) J Brockbank 7-10-0 .... P Niven 73

Long handicap: Cheeny's Brig 9-12, Ardesee 9-12, Brandy Hambro 9-2, Perhaps Lucky 8-11, The Howlet 8-4, Pampering 8-4

BETTING: 5-1 Over The Road, 7-1 Hardy Lad, 8-1 Little Polveir, Mighty Mark, 9-1 Star Of Screen, Whats What, 10-1 The Langholm Dyer, 12-1 Ardesee, Knock Hill, 14-1 Androma, 16-1 Solares, Brandy Hambro, 20-1 others.

1987: LITTLE POLVEIR 10-10-0 P Scudamore (12-1) J Edwards 11 ran

FORM THE LANGHOLM DYER (10-4) best effort when 9½l 3rd to Rhyme'N'Reason (10-7) at Sandown (3m 5f 18yd, £13252, good to soft, Jan 9, 6 ran).

MITHRAS (11-4) beat Border Lad (10-11) 1½l at Bangor (3m 4f, £2841, good, Mar 9) with STAR OF SCREEN (12-0) 10l last of 3.

STAR OF SCREEN (10-7) on previous outing beat King Kanda (10-0) 15l at Newcastle (4m 1f, £7264, soft, Feb 20, 8 ran) and KNOCK HILL (11-1) 13l 4th and HARDY LAD (11-7) 5l 5th.

HARDY LAD (11-8) best effort a 7l defeat of Bush Guide (10-0) at Ayr (4m 120yd, £3141, heavy, Jan 30, 5 ran).

OVER THE ROAD (12-1) beat Charter Hardware (11-9) 8l at Uttoxeter (3m 2f, £2044, good to soft, Apr 5, 12 ran).

SOLARES (10-12) best effort a 3l 2nd to Handy Trick (11-8) at Kelso (3m, £2515, soft, Mar 23, 7 ran) with HARDY LAD (12-1) 8l 3rd.

MIGHTY MARK (11-10) 6l 3rd to Rinus (11-7) at Hexham (2m 4f, £2406, soft, Mar 28, 5 ran).

WHATS WHAT (11-10) on penultimate start beat Green Gorse (10-6) 15l at Catterick (3m 1f 80yd, £2666, good, Feb 24, 17 ran).

CHEENY'S BRIG (11-0) best effort a 2½l 2nd to Earls Brig (11-7) at Kelso (3m 4f, £4851, good to soft, Feb 26, 6 ran) with LITTLE POLVEIR (10-11) 5l 3rd.

ARDESEE (10-2) 4l 2nd to Deep South (10-7) at Nottingham (3m 4f, £3220, soft, Mar 22, 9 ran).

Selection: WHATS WHAT

4.45 SEAGRAM 100 PIPERS CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £4,269: 2m) (8 runners) C 4

1 0P11 MIZAJ 18F (D,G,S) (W Marshall) G Moore 11-10 .... A Orkney 82
2 221321 PIT PONY 18F (CD,G,S) (Mrs H Beattie) J S Wilson 11-10 .... N Doughty 82
3 000220 GENNARO 12F (D,G,S) (R Coleman) Denys Smith 11-7 .... B Storey 82
4 2F11 HARVEST BLUES 11 (D,G,S) (R Scholey) R Scholey 11-7 .... J Osborne 76
5 1F2210 YOUNG SNUGFIT 8 (BF,D,G,S) (A Greenwood) M W Easterby 11-7 .... R Beggan 91
6 1F JINXY JACK 9 (BF,S) (Mrs B McKinney) G Richards 11-4 .... P Tuck ● 99
7 4043 FALLING LEAF 11 (Mrs M Williamson) I Wardle 11-0 .... K Townsend 60
9 10P0 STUMBLE 10F (D,G) (J Cowan) D Yeoman 11-0 .... C Hawkins 74

BETTING: 8-11 Jinxy Jack, 7-2 Young Snugfit, 6-1 Harvest Blues, 8-1 Pit Pony, 12-1 Mizaj, 14-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM MIZAJ (11-10) beat Arum Lily (10-3) a length at Catterick (2m, £685, good, Feb 24, 17 ran).

PIT PONY (10-0) beat Beaker (10-1) 2½l here (2m, £1582, heavy, Feb 13, 8 ran).

HARVEST BLUES (10-13) beat Red Procession (10-8) 5l at Wetherby (2m, £685, good to soft, Apr 5, 18 ran).

YOUNG SNUGFIT (11-1) on penultimate start beat Princess Semele (11-0) 7l at Market Rasen (2m, £3799, good, Mar 5, 9 ran).

JINXY JACK latest fell due to saddle slipping; earlier (11-0) beat Donnas Darling (11-4) 20l at Carlisle (2m 1f 110yd, £1809, good to soft, Mar 11, 5 ran).

FALLING LEAF (10-12) 12l 3rd to Tildebo (10-12) at Uttoxeter (2m, £778, good to soft, Apr 5, 9 ran).

Selection: JINXY JACK

5.15 ADAMHILL CUP HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,196: 3m 110yd) (9 runners)

2 113111 FLYING ACE 11 (CD,F,S) (A Calder) A Calder 12-12-8 .... Miss D Calder (4) ● 98
3 3B000/4- CAMIONNAGE 477 (S) (A Crow) A Crow 7-12-0 .... A Crow (7) —
4 U220/F0- CHEERIE CHIEF 388 (CD,G,S) (H Barclay) H Barclay 12-12-0 .... G Robinson (7) —
6 4300P-0 MR SPOT 8 (G,S) (R Shiels) R Shiels 11-12-0 .... R Shiels (7) —
7 3P13/00- STRAIGHT DOWN 525 (F,G) (Mrs P Barker) Mrs P Barker 11-12-0 .... — —
8 PPFP/00 TWIFLIGHT 24 (F,G,S) (Miss C Dawson) Miss C Dawson 13-12-0 .... Mrs V Jackson (7) 70
9 20-2223 WATER WAGTAIL 25 (CD,S) (J Greenall) W A Stephenson 7-12-0 .... J Greenall (4) 88
10 1- WHISTLING THORN 397 (CD,S) (Miss A Vaughan) Miss A Vaughan 9-12-0 .... K Anderson (4) 81
11 04/P0-42 WORK MATE 35 (F,G) (Mrs J Smith) Mrs J Smith 9-12-0 .... J Bradburne (7) —

BETTING: 11-10 Flying Ace, 100-30 Work Mate, 9-2 Water Wagtail, 6-1 Mr Spot, 12-1 Whistling Thorn, 14-1 others.

1987: COOL BREW 9-11-7 Mr K Anderson (33-1) R Paisley 5 ran

5.45 DONCASTER BLOODSTOCK SALES SUPREME NH FLAT RACE (£2,368: 2m) (7 runners)

1 31 MINERAL DUST 57 (D,G) (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 5-11-8 .... J Dillon (7) —
2 41 YORKSHIRE HOLLY 147 (CD,S) (R Wood) Mrs G Reveley 5-11-8 .... N Smith (7) —
3 2 KINGS FOUNTAIN 24 (Mrs D Johnstone) C Parker 5-11-4 .... Mr A Parker (7) —
4 2 MARKET HIGH 211 (Mrs O Lusty) G Richards 5-11-4 .... L O'Hara (7) —
6 2 MOUNTEBOR 47 (Mrs J Turpin) J Edwards 4-10-12 .... Mr T Thomson Jones —
7 2 NODFORM 36 (Equiname Ltd) D Eddy 4-10-12 .... D Byrne (7) —
8 04 ONLY FOR MONEY 24 (P Bailie) R Goldie 4-10-12 .... Mr G Scope (7) —

BETTING: 10-11 Mountebor, 4-1 Nodform, 6-1 Yorkshire Holly, 8-1 Mineral Dust, 10-1 Market High, 12-1 Kings Fountain, 14-1 others.

1987: MURAX 4-10-9 J R Quinn (15-8 fav) Miss S Hall 14 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
M W Easterby	5	9	55.6
G Moore	11	27	40.7
B Wilkinson	4	14	28.6
Mrs G Reveley	6	24	25.0
G Richards	38	166	22.9
W A Stephenson	19	104	18.3

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
P Tuck	30	103	29.1
N Doughty	18	87	20.7
Mr D Mactaggart	3	17	17.6
M Hill	3	26	11.5
B Storey	9	82	11.0
T Reed	4	39	10.3

(Not including yesterday's results)

Ebony Swell to prove best in Times qualifier at the Belvoir

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

On form shown so far this season, no more than a pound or two appear to separate the top ten of the 37 entries in *The Times* Championship qualifier at the Belvoir today, and the winner will not be easy to find.

Wrekin Lad took the lead in the last few strides when winning the maiden at Dingley a fortnight ago, a creditable performance in his second point-to-point appearance since being summarily dismissed by *Timeform* as being "of no account" after his performances in a dozen or so hurdle races in his youth.

As a novice chaser, Jays Grey did not make much of an impression either, but he beat 16 others in a maiden race at the Blankney last week. Previously, he had been third behind another of today's entries, Terry's Lad, who ran on well when winning at the South Notts.

After winning a very moderate hunt race in a slow time at the Burton, Ebony Swell fell in a hunter chase at Fakenham. Earlier in the season, on heavy going, he had Terry's Lad behind when finishing second in the Brocklesby maiden. If he can act as well on faster ground, Ebony Swell may be the one they all have to beat here.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Bedale & West of York, Hornby Castle, 4m S of Catterick, (first race 2.0); Belvoir, Garthorpe, 5m NE of Melton Mowbray, (2.0); Bicester with Whaddon Chase, Little Horwood, 5m W of Bletchley, (2.0); Braes of Derwent, Tranwell, 3m SW of Morpeth (2.0); Carmarthenshire, Lydstep, 3m SW of Tenby, (2.0); Essex, Marks Tey, 5m W of Colchester, (2.0); Ledbury, Maisemore Park, 2m NW of Gloucester (2.0); Llangibby, Howick, 2m W of Chepstow, (2.0); Ludlow, Bitterley, 4m NE of Ludlow, (2.0); Meynell & South Staffs, Sandon, 3m SE of Stone, (2.0); Portman, Badbury Rings, 5m SE of Blandford, (2.0); Tetcott, Crimp, 6m N of Bude, (2.0); West Kent, Penshurst, 4m SW of Tonbridge, (2.0); West Somerset Vale, Nedge, 4m NE of Wells, (2.0).

Why an injection of new talent is needed if the London Marathon is to remain more than just a grandiose fun-run

Jones leads the old shoe shuffle

By Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent

Comparing Hugh Jones to an old shoe is neither insulting nor inappropriate for a marathon runner, especially when one remembers that Jack Holden — who should have known better — chose to run the 1948 Olympic marathon in new shoes and had to drop out with blistered feet when holding a substantial lead.

Jones has comfortably been Britain's most consistent marathon runner since his emergence in 1981 without quite achieving the heights of Charlie Spedding's Olympic bronze medal or his namesake Steve Jones's fast times.

But Hugh Jones, fifth in the world championship last summer, has not been beaten by a Briton in London, and with the first two home runners, men and women, getting automatic selection for this year's Olympic Games in Seoul, he will be the hardest man to beat. Spedding, who did the trick at the last Olympics, looks the other likeliest contender.

The interest in selection for a major championship, which now happens three years out of four, with European and world championships as well as Olympics, has done much to keep tomorrow's race afloat as an élite event.

For, even with Ingrid Kristiansen looking more likely to break 2 hours 20 minutes than she has ever done, the hype surrounding that attempt (again) is wearing thin, and, with little or no realistic competition, she should win, literally by several streets. The men's race also looks much the same as it did last year.

There will be those who argue that the Oxford-Cambridge Boat Race looks the same each year. But if the marathon is going to remain something more than a grandiose fun-run (and there is nothing wrong with that), then the organizers need an injection of new talent next year.

The proximity to the Rotterdam marathon this afternoon, featuring the Ethiopians, and the Boston race on Monday, featuring virtually everyone else, has militated against a better entry. And two of the leading Britons, Steve Jones and Priscilla Welch, are taking their chance on Monday that their runs in Boston will be good enough, coupled with their past performances to get them added to the Olympic trios, to be announced on Tuesday morning.

The appearance money that Boston is offering, far in excess of London's, was evidently a temptation for Jones and Welch. And the London organizers have got to be aware of the commercial realities and treat their captive trialists fairly.

But it is hardly fair on Hugh Jones and Spedding (or even the injured Dave Clarke) to have Steve Jones competing elsewhere for a team place when his only previous championship (in Stuttgart) was a disaster. But Steve Jones has fallen out with the London organizers. And that is something else that needs to be remedied for next year.

The Olympic selection policy is a legacy of that which was decided for the track and field championships later in the summer, one which has come in for much criticism, and one which is likely to be changed — too late for the marathon runners.

No selection policy is foolproof. But the Canadian system of taking the previous two years' performances into consideration, times and places, is worth consideration.

Hugh Jones and Spedding have the best credentials but they are not the only prospects for Seoul. Kevin Forster has quietly been putting in some impressive performances. And Mike Gratton, a previous winner, and Allister Hutton have done the sort of times which, if repeated, will get them near the front.

In the next rank, looking for the breakthrough are Dave Long, Tony Milovsorov, John Wheway, Steve Brace, Malcolm East and Kenny Stuart. Meanwhile, Susan Tooby, Ann Ford and Angie Pain could best profit from the withdrawals of Veronique Marot and Sally Ellis.

Weather outlook

With an Atlantic depression bringing to an end the recent dry, cool spell runners in the London Marathon could face humidity problems tomorrow morning. "Warm and sticky, with the prospect of some showery rain later in the race," was the forecast from the London Weather Centre, although competitors should start in dry conditions.

Door is wide open for the other Tooby

By David Powell



First-timer: Susan Tooby

Susan Tooby, the marginally less-gifted but equally determined member of running's best-known twins, attempts her first marathon in London tomorrow. As progress among British women has been barely noticeable since the pioneering days of Joyce Smith, the marathon represents an irresistible alternative for Tooby after her disappointment last year at failing to qualify for the world championship 10,000 metres.

"My 10,000 metres running was not improving and it was disheartening," Tooby said yesterday. "I could see me setting out this year and not achieving anything. I thought if I was going to get to the Olympics I would have to do the marathon." With the first two British women across Westminster Bridge guaranteed selection for Seoul, tomorrow will show whether Tooby's decision was the right one.

The door may never open wider for a first-timer, not only to win a major championship place but to go there carrying the weight of British hopes. The second and third-ranked Britons, Veronique Marot and Sarah Rowell, are injured, while Priscilla Welch, the No. 1, cannot at 43 expect much improvement on her national best of 2 hours 26 minutes 51 seconds.

"I would be disappointed if I ran slower than 2:30:00 but I am not saying I am going to run much faster," Tooby said. Since only five British women have broken two and a half hours and none of them is running tomorrow, it would be surprising if Tooby, who is 27, fails to book her ticket to Seoul. "My chances are as good as anybody's," she ventured.

She has no intention of doing what her sister, Angela, did in the world cross country championship in Auckland last month andtry to take on Ingrid Kristiansen. Angela finished second to the Norwegian that day after forcing the pace: for Susan to do the same at an event in which Kristiansen is pre-eminent would be futile. But the possibility of a different Tooby from the one who finished second to Kristiansen in Auckland being runner-up to her tomorrow is strong.

Her 73min 08sec in the hilly and windy Hastings half-marathon and her dissatisfaction at finishing sixteenth in the world cross country championship are pointers to her ability and to her self-expectation. Experienced marathon heads might say she is naive to have run 20 miles only twice in training, preferring shorter sessions. But she takes confidence from Resa Mota, the world champion, who never runs further than 14 miles "because it can be so boring".

One of Tooby's main fears is that the men who will see her as a "scalp" could cause her problems. They did in the Cardiff half-marathon. "One of them got in my way and tripped me flat on my face." Not that he got away with it. Tooby picked herself up, grazed knees and all, and set off in pursuit. "I caught him and gave him a piece of my mind." And, determined as ever, off she went and beat him.

SIX TO FOLLOW THROUGH THE CAPITAL



Hugh Jones

Age: 32
Fastest time: 2hr 09min 24sec

The most consistent British male marathoner of the decade, Jones, whose best time came in winning the 1982 London race, has finished in the first 12 of every international championship race he has contested.

Unbeaten by a Briton in London since 1981.



Charlie Spedding

Age: 35
Fastest time: 2:08:33
A former English schools 1,500 metres medal winner, Spedding turned to the marathon four years ago, with startling results. He won Houston, the only marathon so far which has needed a photo-finish. Two months later, he won London, then another three months later, won the Olympic bronze medal. His fastest time came the following year, in finishing second to Steve Jones.



Kazuyoshi Kudo

Age: 27
Fastest time: 2:11:36
The leading contender for a third Japanese win in London, following Toshihiko Seko and Hiromi Taniguchi in 1986-87. Kudo is reserve for the Japanese Olympic team for Seoul. His coach maintains that he is better than his fastest time indicates and that, if the British concentrate on beating each other to gain their own Olympic selection, that will be to Kudo's advantage.



Dave Edge

Age: 33
Fastest time: 2:11:03
A former Blackpool fireman, Edge emigrated to Canada, and international success six years ago. His best time was set when finishing second in the 1983 Boston race. His best championship performance came in the 1986 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, where he was second to Rob de Castella. Already selected for Canada's Olympic team.



Mike Gratton

Age: 33
Fastest time: 2:09:43
Came to marathon prominence in 1982 when he finished third in London. He went on to take the bronze medal in the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane later that year. But his best performance and time remains his win the following year, since when he has had virtually continuous injuries. Finished third in the Marrakesh marathon three months ago.

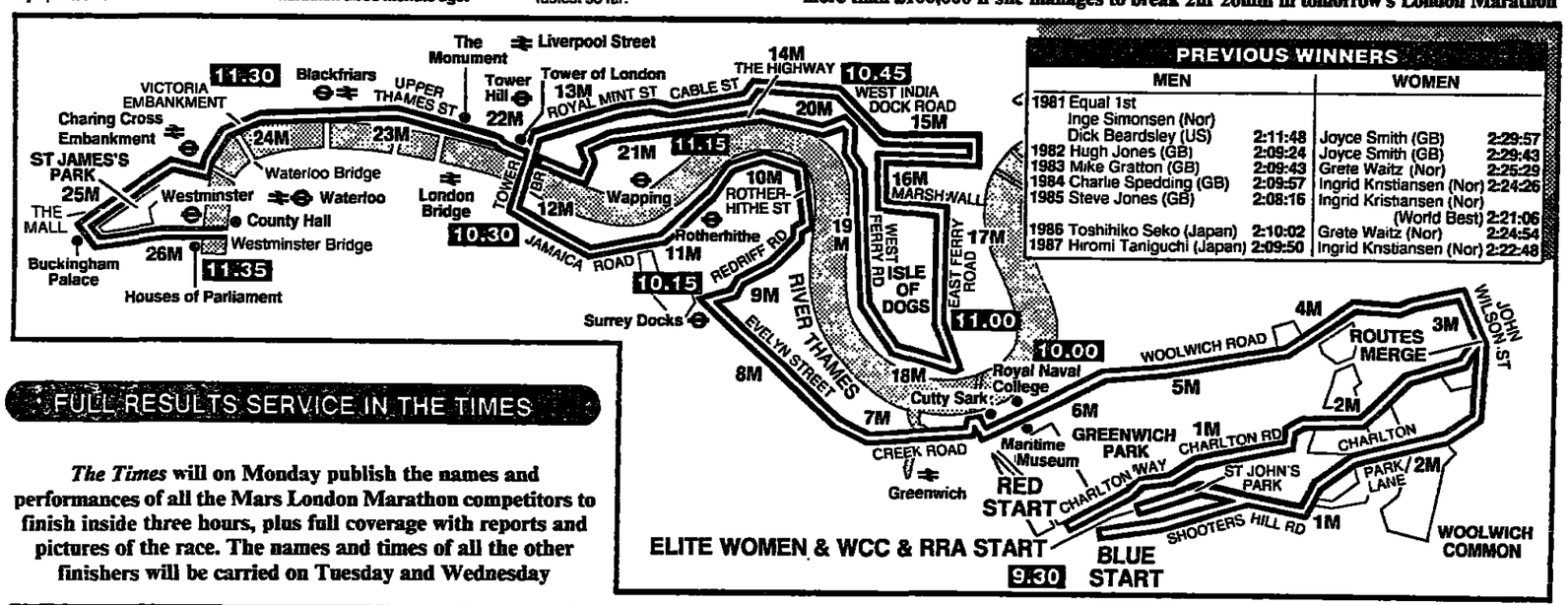


Kevin Forster

Age: 29
Fastest time: 2:11:41
One of the leading yet least recognized contenders for one of the two automatic British Olympic places. A fine cross country runner, Forster was beaten into second place by his Gateshead club colleague, Spedding in the 1984 London race. Has also won Toronto in 1984 and Stockholm in 1987 but that London race remains his fastest so far.



Reason to be cheerful: Ingrid Kristiansen, of Norway, who knows that she will be richer by more than £100,000 if she manages to break 2hr 20min in tomorrow's London Marathon



PREVIOUS WINNERS

	MEN		WOMEN	
1981	Equal 1st			
	Inge Simonsen (Nor)			
	Dick Beardsley (US)	2:11:48	Joyce Smith (GB)	2:29:57
1982	Hugh Jones (GB)	2:09:24	Joyce Smith (GB)	2:29:43
1983	Mike Gratton (GB)	2:09:43	Grete Waitz (Nor)	2:25:29
1984	Charlie Spedding (GB)	2:09:57	Ingrid Kristiansen (Nor)	2:24:26
1985	Steve Jones (GB)	2:08:16	Ingrid Kristiansen (Nor) (World Best)	2:21:06
1986	Toshihiko Seko (Japan)	2:10:02	Grete Waitz (Nor)	2:24:54
1987	Hiromi Taniguchi (Japan)	2:09:50	Ingrid Kristiansen (Nor)	2:22:48

FULL RESULTS SERVICE IN THE TIMES

The Times **will on Monday publish the names and performances of all the Mars London Marathon competitors to finish inside three hours, plus full coverage with reports and pictures of the race. The names and times of all the other finishers will be carried on Tuesday and Wednesday**

Runners' extra incentive

Up to £9 million will be raised for worthy causes during tomorrow's race (Michael Coleman writes). Among the competitors committed to completing the course and thereby benefiting others are the 12 *Times*/Tandem Computers Fund Runners.

They were selected from the scores of readers who had failed to gain entry to this year's race but felt they merited selection. Profiles of each of the 12 describing what has motivated them into undertaking this gruelling race have been featured on our pages over the preceding weeks.

The Times/Tandem Computers runners are listed below together with their race numbers and the causes for which they are running:

Jayne Nicolaou (F454) and Anthony Nicolaou (J888, Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths). Jane Dewey (F471, ATD Fourth World). Michael Gates (J884, Kidney Patients' Association at Guy's Hospital). Roger McCrow (370N, help for brain-damaged children). Colin Langford (J923, the Scouts). Paul Walker (J855, Foundation for Study of Infant Deaths). David James (367N, Fairbridge Drake Society). Roydon Copp (379N, Water Aid). Andrew Fane (J887, Friends of Great Ormond Street Sick Hospital). David Handley (378N, Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus). A Mi Dalzell (J918, Cystic Fibrosis Reasearch Trust).

A chance to share the agony

With 50 miles of free spectator accommodation available, even a million viewers should find ample room to watch Sunday's race in comfort (Michael Coleman writes). In practice, however, most cram into the main tourist spots: Blackheath, at the start, round the Cutty Sark (six miles), Tower Bridge (12 miles), Trafalgar Square (24 miles) and as close to Westminster Bridge as possible.

These are prime spots to be in, capturing the atmosphere marvellously. But only choose them provided you get there early, stake a claim for a place, and have the muscle to hold ground rigidly. If not, move down the course where you can hear the deep breathing and feel the agony close up. Any part of the Isle of Dogs is now accessible via the Docklands Railway — and there is plenty else to see there.

The whole stretch of the Embankment is always underpopulated while The Mall, both sides, cannot be bettered as the runners gather for their final charge. To see your favourites at their best, however, head for Woolwich

Trials hit Boston field

Boston (Agencies) — Most of the leading American athletes will be absent from the 92nd Boston Marathon.

The marathon will be held six days before the United States Olympic trials and most of the country's top runners will miss it in the hope of clinching a place for Seoul.

But many of the world's best other runners will take part and Finland, Kenya and Tanzania will use the event as an Olympic trial.

Steve Jones, of Britain, who came second last year, is one of the favourites. He should be tested by Geoff Smith, also of Britain, and Ibrahim Hussein, of Kenya.

In the woman's field, Rosa Mota, of Portugal, is the favourite.

●Ethiopian runners, including Abebe Mekonnen, winner of the Tokyo marathon, have made a late decision to compete in Rotterdam this Sunday.

GYMNASTICS

Morris faces a stiff test from Lou Yun

Fifteen countries will be represented at the Vitalite Champions All tournament at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham today (Peter Aykroyd writes). It is the largest international event staged in Britain since the 1973 women's European championships.

Lou Yun, of China, is the favourite in the men's section. He is seventh best in the world overall, and also world and Olympic champion on the vault. His nearest rival is Zivko Panderov, of Bulgaria.

Other gymnasts with a chance of medals are two national champions, Brad Peters, of Canada, and Andrew Morris, of Britain, who took the silver last year, and Kurt Szilier, the former West German champion.

For the women, the veteran Boriana Stoyanova, of Bulgaria, ranked tenth in the world, should capture gold. She will face Olga Bicherova, of the Soviet Union and the 1981 world champion, who has not been prominent in international gymnastics in recent years. Both are aged 21 but Stoyanova's form should trump the experience of her rival, who is also a former World Cup and European champion.

The leaders could include Astrid Heese, of East Germany, and Fan Di, of China. No. 20 in the world and Karen Hargate, the British silver medal winner, now recovered from injury.

TENNIS

Mottram set for final fling

By David Powell

A decade after helping Britain to their last Davis Cup final, Buster Mottram is on standby to return to the front line of the national game tomorrow. Mottram, who was once ranked fifteenth in the world, now plays only when the mood suits him but is enthusiastic about the prospect of appearing in the climax to the Mortgage Corporation National League season.

Croydon Direct Liners meet Bournemouth Yamaha Aces in the final at the Surrey Tennis and Country Club in Croydon. By way of an indication that the league, in only its second year, is working, the event is sold out and 200 additional seats have been ordered. A crowd of 1,500 is expected. Attendances in general have risen by one-third over last year.

Croydon are the marginal favourites but will not be if Jeremy Bates fails to return from the Far East to play as the Croydon No. 2. Mottram, instead of Bates, would then have to face James Turner, aged 22, who scored a win over Slobodan Zivojinovic on grass last summer and won a car for doing so as the best British performer of the Beckenham tournament.

Turner, who probably has the most powerful service in Britain, and Mottram have never met but the former national No. 1, now aged 33, said yesterday: "Normally I don't play at all these days but I've been working hard to get in shape. I have not played seriously for some years and one loses one's match tightness. But you cannot tell what will happen over one set indoors."

Mottram played for Croydon last season, when they finished third from bottom (one above Bournemouth) but his appearance in the final would be his most challenging task in Britain since the national championships three years ago. The Croydon manager, Headley Baxter, said yesterday that he was unsure whether Bates would return.

A curious twist to the tale of a British league season — a league devised to encourage home players — is that the key rubber will be between two Australians: Darren Cahill, of Croydon via Adelaide, and Peter McNamara, of Bournemouth via Melbourne. Each has been imported as his team's No. 1 and their match carries the most points.

McEnroe passes test

Tokyo — John McEnroe yesterday proved that his competitive instincts were unimpaired, as he reached the semi-finals of the Suntory Japan Open (Barry Wood writes).

His patience was tested as he struggled to subdue Shuzo Matsuoka, from Japan. After losing 7-6, 7-6, despite serving 13 aces, Matsuoka, aged 20, confessed he had considered asking McEnroe for his autograph.

"If he asks me I'll give it to him but the way he plays, in 10 years I might be asking for his. Or my kids might," McEnroe said. "That was a good match for me. I felt that my competitive instincts were good."

He now confronts Brad Gilbert, while Stefan Edberg, defending champion and top seed, plays Tim Mayotte.

The women's final will be between Patty Fendick and Stephanie Rehe. Meanwhile, British juniors Mark Petchey, Colin Beecher, Ulli Nganga and Sarah Loosemore all reached their semi-finals.

Wilkinson has second chance

Chris Wilkinson, the runner-up last year, earned himself a second attempt at the Prudential British junior hard-court championship with a 6-0, 6-3 win over Simon Cornish at Wimbledon yesterday.

Wilkinson, aged 18, plays Jeffrey Hunter for the title today

RESULTS: Boys singles, semi-finals: C Wilkinson (Herts) bt S Cornish (Somerset), 6-0, 6-3; J Hunter (Surrey) bt D Bishop (Yorks), 6-3, 7-6. Girls singles, semi-finals: A Hill (Devon) bt S Smith (Essex), 6-2, 6-4; A Niepel (Lancs) bt K Harrison (Scot), 6-3, 6-4.

CYCLING

No back-up may count against Elliott

Malcolm Elliott, last year's Milk Race winner who has not been seen in action in Britain since joining Stephen Roche's team on the Continent in January, has his first domestic race of the season at Rotherham tomorrow (Peter Bryan writes).

It means that he misses the Belgian Classic Liege-Bastogne-Liege but the Sheffield rider is not worried: "I wasn't particularly keen to ride the event anyway," he said yesterday.

Elliott is not forecasting victory in the 70-mile race. Suffering from a heavy cold and with no team support, he will find himself at a disadvantage against the home squad — and also aware that he will need to readapt to the British style of short circuit racing.

He is reasonably happy with his form — a second place on the last stage of the Paris-Nice boosted his morale. But one senses that his Fagor squad, without the active leadership of Roche, the world champion, who is still recovering from an operation and this week's sacking of manager Patrick Valke, is not as well-knit as it might be.

For Elliott, the biggest disappointment has been to be told that he must ride the tour of Spain starting a week on Monday, contrary to a promise that he would ride all the European one-day classics. It now means that he will have to miss the Amstel Gold, in which he finished third last year

YACHTING

Aspiring sailors begin Crewsearch trials

By Barry Pickthall

Sixty-two budding sailors, all hoping that Crewsearch will provide them with a passport into big-time yachting, face their sternest test when the nationwide training programme to find tomorrow's top crews gets under way at Torquay today.

The scheme, sponsored jointly by *The Times* and James Capel, the global investment house, has attracted twice the number of applicants for the 700 regional places and has, according to Bill Edgerton, the RYA's national keelboat coach, provided the sport with a tremendous shot in the arm.

"The calibre of sailors — which at Torquay range from a young Half Ton Cup yacht-skipper to a former Royal Navy officer with six months' 12-metre experience already under his belt — has been much higher than any of us expected," Edgerton said on the quayside yesterday.

"Most see Crewsearch as a way of being noticed by owners of offshore yachts. Whitbread Round The World Race syndicates and, yes, even the America's Cup."

Those Cup ambitions, which many of the Crewsearch trialists share, took on fresh meaning yesterday after news broke that Britain's Blue Arrow syndicate is to build a 90ft monohull to race against New Zealand in September for the right to challenge San Diego for the Cup.

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The programme starts at 9 a.m. today and tomorrow with a series of arduous fitness tests and continues with crews being put through their paces aboard two Westerly cruiser/racers off the harbour wall.

Each crewperson will be assessed by Rodney Pattisson, the triple Olympic medal winner, who will then select the top six to sail with him as representatives from the south-west in a grand final in October, when six £1,000 travel bursaries will be awarded to the best individuals.

Riviera return

Nice (AP) — Ivan Lendl, who has not played since February 23, has been accepted as a wild card entry to the Monte Carlo Open.

SKIING

Scobbie looks ahead with confidence

Alasdair Scobbie, recently appointed as Alpine racing director of the British team, has remarked how encouraged he was by what he saw at the highly successful British championships, which ended on Thursday in Alpe d'Huez (Ian McLeod writes). "An excellent series of races", Scobbie said.

The availability of FIS points ensured that the championships attracted a good quality international field. "What was good," Scobbie added, "is that the children, juniors and seniors were together in the one place. More important is that the coaching staff have been able to see all the up-and-coming young talent."

Scobbie was especially pleased at the fine showing of the development squad who, in many instances, outshone the more illustrious names of the senior squad.

"They did exceptionally well," Scobbie said. "They offered proof that their programme of the last three years is working. We started with a young, naive team, yet these people are now breaking through to world class."

Scobbie hopes to announce next season's squad on May 1. The World Cup season begins early with two downhills at Las Lenas, Argentina in August. "Because of this," Scobbie says, "we can't allow the racers too much time off."

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FOOTBALL: LITTLEWOODS CUP FINALISTS HOPING FOR A WEMBLEY BONUS

League's festival is a chance for Luton to regain their edge

By Clive White

By the end of next week, if not this weekend, Luton Town and the Football League could be crying on each other's shoulder. Time has almost run out for both to make a success of what should have been a season of celebration. At least they can try to enjoy themselves at the League's centenary festival, sponsored by Mercantile Credit, at Wembley today and tomorrow.

Ironically, though, the carnival atmosphere which will prevail this weekend has been the very reason why both have stopped enjoying themselves. A sharp, competitive edge is the missing ingredient in both the League's celebrations and Luton's performances of late.

Luton lost theirs at Wembley last month when they tried to stroll past Reading in the Simod Cup final only to find the second division team, and in particular Gilkes, in a much higher gear. Now they return to exorcise the ghost lest Arsenal frighten them to death at Wembley next week in the Littlewoods Cup final.

They have vowed to put on a brave face as they did at Old Trafford on Tuesday when Ray Harford, their manager, was encouraged by their willingness to attack in a 3-0 defeat. The draw for the 16 teams who contest the festival has given them a suitable chance to atone with a first round tie against Manchester United.

Harford is annoyed that the FA have ruled that Grimes's suspension must include the festival. At least he knows he can now call on Hill, who is making his comeback from a broken leg. Harford is tempted to name Hill as a substitute against Arsenal.

If Luton are not good enough to cruise to a Wembley victory, I know a team who are. The presence of Liverpool, the champions elect, should bring a touch of class to a festival which provides more of a financial incentive and a day out for the likes of Tranmere Rovers than their Merseyside neighbours.

While Wembley will be less than half full on both days, Tranmere have sold two-thirds of their 3,000 ticket allocation. John King, whose side kick-off the tournament against Wimbledon at 10 a.m., said: "This is a big occasion for us. We want to serve the fourth division and our supporters proud."

Out of a total prize-money of £385,000, every club will receive £15,000 and the winners £75,000 for three hours, 20 minutes work. First round and quarter-final round matches today last 40 minutes and tomorrow's semi-finals and final, 60 minutes.

The carnival comes to town tomorrow when the football will be complemented by everything from conjurors and clowns to giant inflatable Japanese wrestlers. One can only hope that the latter do not prove a big a let-down, too.

Wembley draw

FIRST ROUND: Match A: Tranmere Rovers v Wimbledon; Match B: Liverpool v Newcastle United; Match C: Leeds United v Nottingham Forest; Match D: Blackburn Rovers v Aston Villa; Match E: Everton v Wolverhampton Wanderers; Match F: Luton Town v Manchester United; Match G: Wigan Athletic v Sunderland; Match H: Crystal Palace v Sheffield Wednesday.
QUARTER-FINALS: Winners of A v B; C v D; E v F; G v H.
SEMI-FINALS: Winners of A-B v C-D; E-F v G-H.


Hill: back in contention for a place

SQUASH RACKETS

Triple flop as the men take a tumble

By Colin McQuillan

By the end of yesterday's opening session at the Wembley Conference Centre, domestic hopes in the Hi-Tec British Open championship for men were left resting, perhaps briefly, on the familiar but forlorn shoulders of the old England firm of Gawain Briars and Philip Kenyon. Second round evening appointments with potentially overwhelming odds awaited them.

In three matches on the all-transparent Perspex court between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., Bryan Beeson, Jason Nicolle and Geoff Williams fell to foreign opposition. Today's quarter-finals from their half of the draw will be between Jansher Khan, the world champion from Pakistan, and Rodney Martin, of Australia, and Ross Norman, of New Zealand, and Chris Roberts, of Australia.

The fourth failure of the afternoon was Stuart Hailstone, nominally domestic by virtue of a recent Scottish registration which releases him from previous South African complications.

Kenyon was scheduled to face the second seed, Jahangir Khan, last night and Briars was opposed by Chris Dittmar, of Australia, the third seed. Unlike the British women, who have four genuine contenders in today's last eight, the men faced the real prospect of failing to contribute a quarter- finalist.

RESULTS: Men: Second round: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt S Hailstone (Sco), 9-8, 9-0, 9-0, 9-2; R Martin (Aus) bt G Williams (Eng), 9-5, 9-10, 9-4, 10-8; R Norman (NZ) bt B Beeson (Eng), 9-2, 9-5, 9-1; C Robertson (Aus) bt J Nicolle (Eng), 9-3, 10-8, 9-2.

RUGBY UNION

Waterloo losing the battle for top level survival

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Can it only be Easter that Waterloo were considered among the title-challengers in the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship? Today they play the first of two games in four days against Orrell among the clubs scrapping it out to avoid relegation to the second division.

Of the five clubs at the bottom of the division only Sale are certain to go down. Coventry are favourites to join them but Orrell will breathe easier if they win today — and having taken a deep breath; they will go in against Waterloo again on Wednesday in the semi-finals of the Lancashire Cup, which seems a bit too much of a good thing.

Bristol should ensure their survival merely by turning up to their three outstanding games but, depending on who needs to play what, both April 29 — the day before their Cup final against Harlequins, for which they have already taken £35,000 — and May 2 have been mentioned as possible dates for their fixture with Waterloo.

Southern, Orrell's captain, said yesterday: "With matches against Waterloo and Coventry we are in charge of our fate but the last thing we want is to go to Coventry still in danger of going down."

The final of the Girobank Cumbria Cup is at Wigton today, where Aspatria meet Cockermouth. Aspatria have won this competition nine times in the past 11 seasons.

At the other end of the country, England's 18-group schools side go for the triple crown against Welsh Schools at Redruth, still gnashing their teeth at tripping over their first hurdle, against France. Since then Ireland and Scotland have been disposed of.

Wales looked set fair after wins against Scotland and France but came unstuck with virtually the last kick of their game against Ireland, when they lost 18-16. Stephens, their talented stand-off half, has taken over the captaincy but England have the incentive of a tour to Australia in July, the party for which will be decided tomorrow.

McCall, the Irish international, will captain the Combined Services and British Police party to play seven matches in New Zealand next month.

TOUR PARTY: E Gordon Lennox (Army), B Hanawan (Lancs), N Heslop (Merseyside), E Alkins (Army), J Stabler (Cleveland), G Champion (Devon and Cornwall), S Rolfe (RAF), C Spowart (Army), I Stevens (South Wales Police), J Steele (Army), G Morgan (Army), T Lee (SWP), N Linnett (West Midlands), M Pugh (SWP), H Williams-Jones (SWP), C Campbell (Army), S Davies (SWP), R Matthews (Army), B McCall (Army, capt) S Sutton (SWP), B Richardson (RAF), W Carr (Army), M Reece (Royal Navy), S Gallagher (Merseyside), D Ryan (Army), A Carter (Gwent). Manager: M Stancombe (Army).
Assistant manager: S Johnson (Leicestershire). Coach: J Young (RAF).
ITINERARY: May 14: v North Harbour. 18: v NZ Royal Navy (Auckland). 21: v Waikato (Hamilton). 25: v NZ Police (Wellington) 28: v NZ Army (Palmerston North) June 1: v NZ Air Force (Christchurch). 4: v NZ Combined Services (Wellington).

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS

Orrell v Waterloo
Orrell have nine players back from last weekend's county final, six of them forwards. Waterloo have Kearns at scrum half, Taylor at flank forward and Reed at lock.

Gloucester v Sale
Gloucester recall Cummins to play at centre and retain Clark at No. 8. Four Sale players have left to summer abroad so Syddall, Shaw and Wilding join the pack and Bentley returns at centre.

Headingley v N'mpton
Swales is available at full back for Headingley so Appleson reverts to the wing against opponents who are struggling at the bottom of the second division.

Bath v Llanelli
Bath have Morrison back at lock but, as is traditional, rest Egerton before his first international. Llanelli have Griffiths and Jonathan Davies at half back, although their leading try-scorer, Carwyn Davies, is rested.

Neath v Cardiff
Thorburn is available for Neath who hope to be at strength, though Booth and Williams take over at half back from Bridges and Davies. Norster returns to lead Cardiff, who have not won at the Gnoll since 1982.

Coventry v Pontypool
Coventry have lost Wilkes and Hyde from their pack, Revan (prop) and Mannix (lock) coming in, while Suckling, Trumper and Hall return. Pontypool will give their scrum half, Bishop, a late fitness test on a hamstring strain.

Tomorrow

L'pool-St H v L Scottish
Liverpool hope to have Wellens, their captain, fit to play centre and Pugh at lock in a match which could ensure promotion to the first division. The Scottish play Howe at hooker, Harris at lock and have Renwick back on the wing.

Linfield's worry is MacLeod

By George Ace

Linfield, without David Jeffrey, their captain, and Alan Dornan, both under suspension, may travel to the Oval this afternoon for the game against Glentoran that could decide the league championship without Duncan MacLeod, a key figure in attack.

MacLeod picked up an ankle injury against Bangor last Monday night and has had daily physiotherapy since. Roy Coyle, the Linfield manager, said yesterday: "We cannot be optimistic about Duncan but I will give him every chance to prove his fitness, even up to kick-off time if necessary."

Glentoran will have their captain, Jim Cleary, back for their suspended midfield player Billy Caskey. Cleary came on as a substitute last weekend after being sidelined for a few weeks with hamstring trouble and suffered no after-effects.

A win for Glentoran will clinch the title, three points for Linfield would make Coleraine favourites assuming they defeat Glenavon at Mourneview Park.

Hearts' chance to frustrate Celtic

By Roddy Forsyth

If the Scottish championship effectively ended when Celtic beat Rangers at Ibrox on March 20, it seems to have taken an inordinate time to complete the formality of sending the flag to its new home. Hearts remain the only team able to deprive Celtic of the prize, however remote the possibility may be.

One reason for the season's extended climax was, of course, last week's pause to accommodate the Scottish Cup semi-finals, when Celtic ambushed Hearts with two goals in the dying seconds of their Hampden Park tie, to stay on course for a League and Cup double in their centenary year.

However, Hearts displayed admirable resilience in their re-arranged League game with Dunfermline on Wednesday night, when they overhauled the Fifers with two late goals of their own. Today the pair meet in a fitting showdown in Edinburgh which is, needless to say, an over-subscribed sell-out.

John Robertson, the Hearts forward, reportedly the subject of attention from Pisa, the Italian League club, will be restored after missing the Wednesday fixture.

Another comeback, very significant for Bobby Robson, could take place at Ibrox where Rangers meet Hibernian. Rangers include in their pool Terry Butcher who, along with his colleagues Chris Woods and Graham Roberts, has spent the week sitting beside Frank McAvennie in the dock.

Aberdeen and Dundee United are to face a Scottish Football Association inquiry after incidents during their Cup semi-final and replay. Aberdeen's management pair of Ian Porterfield and Jimmy Mullen were sent to the stand for remarks to a linesman and, in the replay, Jim McLean, the United manager, was involved in an angry touchline exchange with the Aberdeen captain, Willie Miller, after United's central defender, Paul Hegarty, had been sent off for a foul on Charlie Nicholas.

GOLF

Ballesteros under a cloud

From Mel Webb, Cannes

Severiano Ballesteros, who started the week under a thunderstorm in Atlanta, Georgia, ended it yesterday under a cloud in Cannes as he failed to make the halfway cut in a European tournament for the first time in nearly six years.

He added an error-strewn 78 to his first round of 76 and his 36-hole total of 154, 10 over par, even in the high-scoring tournament that the Cannes Open here has become, put him out of the last two days by four strokes.

Ballesteros failed to complete the Silk Cut Masters at St Pierre in 1983 but on that occasion he was disqualified before the start of the fourth round because of a scoring error on the first day. The last time he genuinely missed a cut goes back to the 1982 Sanyo Open in Barcelona.

The Spaniard, defending the title he won last year, was subdued, even a little stunned, by his performance, but although prepared to give reasons was less willing to make excuses for two miserable days which had brought him only three birdies.

Yes, he said, the storms and consequent eight hours of waiting in airports in the United States and Zurich on his way back from Augusta had been frustrating. Agreed, the non-arrival of his clubs at his Monte Carlo home until the night before the tournament started had not allowed him to practise properly. And most significantly of all, perhaps, he admitted he had given a great deal of himself in his efforts to win a third Masters green jacket.

However, in the end he had quite simply not played well enough. "I tried my best," he said. "I always do. But when I got here I found there was just nothing left."

At 31, Ballesteros is undoubtedly not the carefree, uninhibited stroke-maker he was even five years ago. It seems that his desire to end a long spell without a victory in one of the world's four major championships has taken its toll and is now coloured by something close to desperation.

The tournament leader is Ron Commans, of the United States, who had seven birdies in his 68 for a total of 138, six under par. He has a three-stroke lead over Emanuele Bolognesi, of Italy, in his first year on the tour, and Denis Durnian who, after taking 40 in the first nine holes on Thursday, has played the 27 since in seven under par.

All three should beware of the pursuing pack, which contains, among others, Howard Clark, Mark McNulty, Joey Sindelar and José-María Olazábal. Not all the quality has gone out of this tournament, not by a long chalk.

SECOND-ROUND LEADERS (British or Irish unless stated): 138: R Commans (US), 70, 68. 141: E Bolognesi (It), 73, 68; D Durnian, 72, 69. 142: H Clark, 70, 72. 143: M McNulty (SA), 72, 71; J Sindelar (US), 69, 74; M Clayton (Aus), 73, 70; W Riley (Aus), 68, 75; J-M Olazábal (Sp), 74, 69.

Farmers combine and reap surprise harvest

By John Hennessy

Ted Farmer, aged 68, playing from a handicap of 18, and his son Martin, off one, were unexpected winners of the Father and Son golf tournament at West Hill, Surrey yesterday. Receiving three shots from the Tillmans, Bill (9) and Adam (2), they coasted home by 4 and 3.

It was not, in all honesty, a day's golf to live long in the memory, except for the superlative play in all areas of Martin Farmer and for the delight of seeing a player of such modest pretentions as his father emerge with such a valuable trophy.

"I'm delighted for the old man," Martin said afterwards. "This was almost certainly his last chance because he gets shorter every year. And it was quite an ordeal for him to play in a match where we expected to be slaughtered."

The Tillmans seemed to get rattled as a succession of short putts eluded the father and the son drove out of bounds at the 10th. The Farmers won the 462-yard 14th with a net four to round off a bumper crop of four winning holes in a succession of six.

Appropriately, it was Martin Farmer who gently brought down the curtain with a two feet putt for a half at the 15th.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: W Tillman (The Addington) and A Tillman (Wildernesse) (11) bt D H and H R Holland (Sunningdale) (12), one hole; E G Farmer (Royal Eastbourne) and M I Farmer (North Hants) (19) bt D I Sirk (Royal North Devon) and G C Sirk (Saunton) (10). Final: Farmers bt Tillmans, 4 and 3.

Barnet overheating as injuries take toll again

Non-league football by Paul Newman

While the Mercantile Credit Centenary Festival at Wembley this weekend offers a cooling-off period for those Football League clubs feeling the heat of battle for championship and promotion, the temperature at the top of the GM Vauxhall Conference will continue to rise.

The race for the Conference title and the glittering prize of promotion to the fourth division has in recent weeks become a tense and strained contest. Two months ago Barnet, the leaders, had lost only twice all season and were averaging three goals a game. In 11 matches since then they have lost four times and scored only 17 goals.

Bitterly disappointed when they were narrowly beaten to the promotion post by Scarborough last year, Barnet have suffered a succession of injuries in the last two months and Barry Fry, the manager, yesterday had little idea of the side he will field at Northwich Victoria today.

"I've had to change the line-up every week for the last seven or eight matches and that's been very disruptive," he said.

Since the turn of the year the championship contest has been largely a two-horse race between Barnet and Lincoln City, but with Lincoln dropping 15 points in their last 11 games, Kettering Town have suddenly come into contention after a run of seven wins and a draw in their last eight matches.

The championship race has been a spectacular success at the gate. Barnet's attendances are 43 per cent up on last year and Lincoln's show a 63 per cent improvement, despite their drop from the fourth division to the Conference.

With revenue from advertising and sponsorship also up, Lincoln's success has vindicated their decision to retain a full-time playing staff. Even if Lincoln fail to win promotion this season, Colin Murphy, in his second spell as manager at Sincil Bank, will again have a full-time squad next season.

Barnet fail to satisfy the League

If Barnet win the GM Vauxhall Conference championship the Football League will insist that they carry out extensive ground improvements before joining the fourth division (Paul Newman writes).

An inspection of Barnet's Underhill ground has revealed that the perimeter fencing and segregation arrangements are not up to League standards. The work could cost up to £200,000.

GM Vauxhall Conference leaders

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnet	38	22	10	6	88	40	76
Lincoln City	36	21	9	6	77	42	72
Kettering	37	21	8	8	64	40	71

Remaining fixtures
BARNET: Today: Northwich Victoria (A). April 23: Kidderminster (A). April 30: Runcorn (H). May 2: Welling (A).
LINCOLN CITY: Today: Wealdstone (H). April 19: Bath (A). April 23: Kettering (A). April 27: Maidstone (H). April 30: Stafford (H). May 2: Wycombe (H).
KETTERING: Today: Sutton (H). April 23: Lincoln (H). April 25: Runcorn (H). April 30: Enfield (A). May 4: Runcorn (A).

Average attendances

	1985-6	1986-7	1987-8	% incr
Barnet	710	1,712	2,451	43
Lincoln	2,616	2,022	3,301	63
Kettering	1,082	939	1,142	22

MOTOR SPORT

Six of the best reach for big-time

The Jerez track hosts the first round of the FIA European Formula 3000 Championship in southern Spain this weekend (David Tremayne writes).

The final step on the ladder to Formula One, the series promises to be intense, with 41 drivers attempting to qualify for the 26 starting slots. All but two use British-built single seaters powered by 3-litre version of the Judd and Cosworth engines which, in 3.5-litre guise, propel Nigel Mansell in Grands Prix.

Among 17 possible victors tomorrow are six Britons anxious to join their countrymen at the top of the sport: Johnny Herbert, Mark Blundell, Russell Spence, Andy Wallace, Gary Evans and Steve Kempton.

At Donington in the Midlands, meanwhile, Steve Soper defends national honour, and his lead in the European Touring Car Championship. He and team colleague Pierre Dieudonne, of Belgium, won the opening round at Monza

HOCKEY

Powerful England favourites

By Cathy Harris

Denise Shorney has been called in to the England squad to play Scotland in the first of the Home Countries women's internationals in Stirling today — a match which England are strong favourites to win after their impressive 3-1 defeat of Spain

ENGLAND: M Burrows, V Hellam, S Brimble, K Edwards, S Lister (capt), C Liddell, L Bayliss, R Goodridge, S Holwell, M Cheetham, J Lewis, M Pickles, T Miller, D Shorney, C Brown, M Smith.
SCOTLAND: A Weir, J Stewart, M Coutts, G Messenger, S Fraser, J McLaughlin, N Kerr, J Nimmo, C Stirling, S Henderson (capt), D Aitken, E Blair, M Duncan, A Menzies, J Innes, S Basset, D Thorburn.

● Ireland, the triple crown holders, meet Wales in Cardiff today with three new caps in a squad of 16 (Joyce Whitehead writes). Jacqui Potter is again captain and their goalkeeper, Fiona Brehony, is now fit again. Wales are now an attacking force. Their defence was suspect but their captain, Sue Crowley, plans to tighten it up.

WALES: S Crowley (capt), J Elms, H Morgan, W Davies, H Green, L Harris, H Jones, S Jones, S Manley, F McCarthy, K Roderick, C Thomas, H Thomas, L Watkin, K Williams, R Wilkes.
IRELAND: J Potter (capt), F Brehony, C Kennedy, H Beamish, N Branagan, D Deasey, M Sarrell, C Fusco, B Heffernan, K Howard, T Hurley, S Kinley, G Major, F Marshall, A Morrow, A Sloan.

Crisis not over for Middlesex

By Sydney Friskin

Middlesex face another crisis for their county championship semi-final today against Somerset at Beeston, Nottingham, where the competition will be brought to a conclusion tomorrow under the sponsorship of Avia UK Limited.

In the match last week against the Army, Rees and Camburn were not available for Middlesex, who will have to do without them again. Camburn has an ankle injury, which has forced him to pull out of next week's divisional championship, in which he would have played for Midlands. Rees has not recovered from influenza and D'Mello is still injured.

To fill the gaps Middlesex have brought in Sonny Soor, of Indian Gymkhana, and Bugsy Soor, the Spencer captain, to join Parmi, the third member of the Soor family already in the side.

Somerset, who have scored 17 goals in six matches, report no injury problems and are happy to have reached the semi-finals after 10 years. They have drawn heavily on Brean and Firebrands, two of the leading clubs in the Sun Life West League.

EQUESTRIANISM

Lucky Stark bidding for third victory

By Jenny MacArthur

Ian Stark, the European and world team gold medal winner, is attempting a third successive victory at this weekend's Daihaisu Brigstock horse trials in Northamptonshire, but only after pleading to be allowed to compete.

Stark, who won Badminton on Sir Wattie in 1986, had his four entries returned because they arrived late, due to the post taking four days. "I grovelled and pleaded," Stark said, "and managed to get permission to take two horses."

He will ride the 10-year-old Glenburnie, who has won at Brigstock for the last two years, and Griffin, a winner at King's Somborne earlier this month. Stark's main rival will be the world champion, Virginia Leng, riding Master Craftsman and Murphy Himself.

Lucinda Green, the former world champion, will give her Chatsworth and Crookham winner Mins Lincoln his first cross country outing since he was kicked three weeks ago. She is also hoping to ride the injury-prone Willy B and her new horse, Crimdon Lucky George.

Other Badminton-bound riders competing include Lorna Clarke, Rachel Hunt, Nigel Taylor and Jemimah Johnson. The main foreign opposition will come from New Zealand's two entries, Mark Todd and Tinks Pottinger.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON
KRISTIANSAND, Norway: European championships (British only): Singles: Men: Second round: M Frost (Den) bt C Rees (Wales), 15-5, 15-3; S Baddeley (Eng) bt U Santosa (Neth), 15-11, 15-3; D Hall (Eng) bt R Michels (Neth), 15-3, 15-4; N Yates (Eng) bt U Johansson (Swe), 15-7, 15-7. Quarter-finals: M Frost (Den) bt S Baddeley (Eng), 15-9, 15-3; D Hall (Eng) bt J Olsson (Swe), 15-8, 15-2; M Kvaldsen (Den) bt N Yates (Eng), 15-12, 3-15, 15-13; A Antropov (USSR) bt T-G Jonsson (Swe), 15-5, 15-4. Semi-finals: M Frost (Den) bt A Antropov (USSR), 15-3, 15-2; D Hall (Eng) bt M Kvaldsen (Den), 15-8, 15-18, 15-2. Women: Quarter-finals: K Larsen (Den) bt E Rybkina (USSR), 7-11, 12-10, 11-2; E Coene (Neth) bt I Serova (USSR), 11-2, 11-3; C Bogschie (Den) bt E van Dijck (Neth), 11-1, 11-4; C Magnusson (Swe) bt H Troke (Eng), 11-5, 11-7. Doubles: Men: Quarter-finals: L Williams and C Rees (Wales) bt U Swatosa and R Michelsen (Neth), 15-12, 15-8; P Axelsson and S Karlsson (Swe) bt A Goode and M Dew (Eng), 15-8, 13-18, 12-16; S Fladberg and J Paulsen (Den) bt A White and I Pringle (Sco), 15-7, 8-15, 15-6. Women: Second round: F Elliot and S Sankly (Eng) bt G Solberg and M Wadahl (Nor), 15-2, 15-2; M Bengtsson and C Magnusson (Swe) bt A Gibson and G Martin (Sco), 15-5, 15-4; S Bellesova and J Rybkina (USSR) bt H Lane and A O'Sullivan (Ire), 15-4, 15-11, G Mogensen and G Paulsen (Den) bt J Allen and E Allen (Sco), 15-3, 15-9; J Mundey and G Clark (Eng) bt I Serova and V Pron (USSR), 13-15, 15-14, 15-7. Quarter-finals: C Kjaer and N Nielsen (Den) bt F Elliot and S Sankly (Eng), 15-9, 15-5; J Mundey and G Clark (Eng) bt G Mogensen and G Paulsen (Den), 15-7, 15-4. Mixed: Second round: S Fladberg (Den) and G Clark (Eng) bt A Antropov and V Pron (USSR), 15-8, 15-10; H Svarrer and D Kjaer (Den) bt P Fergusson and H Lane (Ire), 15-9, 15-1; A Goode and G Gowers (Eng) bt S Karlsson and C Wiberg (Swe), 15-7, 14-17, 15-11; M Dew and G Gilks (Eng) bt D Travers and J Allen (Sco), 15-12, 15-1; V Smakow and S Bellesova (USSR) bt R Quaterbaba and J Mundey (Eng), 15-5, 15-9. Quarter-finals: S Fladberg (Den) and G Clark (Eng) bt J Paulsen and G Paulsen (Den), 15-7, 15-12; H Svarrer and D Kjaer (Den) bt A Goode and S Sankly (Eng), 15-3, 18-16; J E Andersson and C Bengtsson (Swe) bt M Dew and G Gilks (Eng), 8-15, 18-15, 15-9.

RACKETS
QUEEN'S CLUB: Celestion open doubles championships: Second round: R Wakely (Marlborough) and M Mockridge bt M Nicholls and P Nicholls, 5-15, 15-6, 15-10, 7-15, 14-17; Johnson (Queens) and D Barrett (Wellington), 15-1, 15-9, 15-4, 15-4.

RUGBY LEAGUE
STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Springfield 36, Wrexham 4.

BASKETBALL
UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Houston Rockets 123, Sacramento Kings 105; Chicago Bulls 118, Indiana Pacers 110; Portland Trail Blazers 128, Utah Jazz 123.

BOXING
JARARTA: WBC regional super bantamweight title bout: Nurfuda (Indo) bt Joe Hyas (Phil), pts.

CRICKET
CARDIFF: One-day match: Somerset 114 for 5 (J G Wyatt 46) v Glamorgan. Abandoned — rain.

CURLING
LAUSANNE: World championship: Denmark bt Switzerland, 5-4; Canada bt Finland, 8-2 (7 ends); Scotland bt West Germany, 8-4 (9 ends); Norway bt United States, 9-3 (9 ends); France bt Sweden, 6-5; Switzerland bt Canada, 5-4; Norway bt France, 8-5 (1 extra end); Scotland bt Finland, 5-1 (6 ends); Sweden bt Denmark, 7-4; United States bt West Germany, 5-3. Final round-robin matches: Norway 6, Switzerland 3; West Germany 8, France 3; Sweden 4, Finland 2; Canada 8, United States 5; Scotland 6, Denmark 5. Standings: 1, Canada, 18pts; 2, Scotland, 14; 3, Norway, 14.

TENNIS
AMELIA ISLAND: Florida women's tournament (US unless stated): Third round: S Graf (WG) bt D Fader, 6-1, 6-1; K Maleeva (Bul) bt H Kelesi (Can) 6-0, 7-6; M Torres bt A Kanellopoulou (Gr), 7-5, 7-5; Z Garrison bt S Garrone (It), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; K Horvath bt A Villagran (Arg), 6-3, 6-2; K Maleeva (US) bt S Schimper, 6-4, 6-2; M Navratilova (US) bt S Cecchini (It), 6-0, 6-3, G Sabatini (Arg) bt A Sanchez (Sp), 7-5, 6-3.
TOKYO: Japan Open: Men's singles: Quarter-finals: S Edberg (Swe) bt B Drewett (Aus), 6-4, 6-3; T Mayotte (US) bt M Pernfors (Swe), 6-3, 6-4; B Gilbert (US) bt D Pate (US), 6-3, 6-2; J McEnroe (US) bt S Matsuoka (Japan), 7-5, 7-6. Women's singles: Semi-finals: S Reinach (US) bt M Werdel (US), 6-3, 6-3; P Fendick (US) bt L Meskhi (USSR), 6-0, 6-3.
NICE: Mixed Open: Men's singles: Quarter-final: H Leconte (Fr) bt P Agenor (Haiti) 6-7, 7-5, 6-1; A Chesnokov (USSR) bt K Nowacek (Cz), 7-5, 6-1; G Forget (Fr) bt G Vilas (Arg), 6-3, 6-3; J Poiar (Fr) bt J Arrese (Sp), 7-6, 6-2.
SHEFFIELD: National ranking championships: Men: R Baxter bt D Maughan, 6-2, 6-3; J Howarth bt S Oldham, 6-0, 6-3; J Gledden bt R Ranson, 6-1, 6-0; A Cardwell bt A Dalton, 6-7, 6-2, 6-2.

GOLF
TOTTERIDGE: Herts Professional Championship: 140: N Brown (Ald Herts), 73, 67. 144: R Mitchell (Knebworth), 73, 71. 148: G Pook (Ashridge) 73, 75; S Lewis (Panshanger) 74, 74.
TOKYO: Bridgestone Asa Open Tournament: Second round: Leading scores: 141: R Mackey (Aus), 71, 70. 142: Y Iwashita (Japan), 72, 70; M Ozaki (Japan), 72, 71; H Minami (Taiwan), 72, 71; M Aoki (Japan), 72, 71; T Ueno (Japan), 72, 71; I Unou (Japan), 70, 73; M Ozaki (Japan), 70, 73.
SEOUL: South Korean Open: Second round: (S Kor unless stated): 148: R Gibson (Can), 69, 71. 162: F Mendoza (Phil), 70, 72; L Jin-han, 74, 88. 164: E Toledo (Mex), 70, 73; P Yuan-tse, 72, 71. 144: C Liang-hsi (Taiwan), 74, 70. 145: W Smith (Aus), 75, 70; P Shi-hwan, 77, 68; K Suk-chong, 71, 74; A Gasgan (Aus), 71, 74; K Duk-woon, 74, 71; K Oh-chul, 73, 72; D Mijovic (Can), 73, 72; Y Rumiyama (Japan), 75, 70; C Bum-soo, 71, 74. 146: K Young-il, 71, 75; T Nakamura (Japan), 75, 71; L Chi-hsiang (Taiwan), 73, 73; C Parry (Aus), 74, 72; C Sang-ho, 75, 71; P Nam-jo, 74, 72; Cho Ho-sang, 78, 68.
KENILWORTH: Golf Foundation Schools' Team Championship: English final: 1, Bury Grammar, 258; 2, Millfield, 263; 3, Leeds Grammar, 265. Best individual scores: 73, Richard Booth (Bury Grammar).
MARBELLA: Marbella WPGA Open: Second round: Leading scores: (GB and Ireland unless stated): 138: L Maritz (SA), 70, 68. 146: D Reid, 71, 69. 141: K Espinasse (Fr), 68, 73; C Parson, 70, 71; P Gonzalez (Col), 70, 71. 142: D Huecks (US), 72, 71; C Dimsit (Aus), 72, 71. 145: D Barnard, 75, 70; M L De Teya (Fr), 73, 72; T Abitbol (Sp), 73, 72; G Stewart, 70, 75; S Strudwick, 72, 73. 146: P Nilsson (Swe), 73, 73; A Sheard (SA), 73, 73; K Lunn (Aus), 70, 76. 147: K Douglas, 71, 76; P Gricz-Whittaker, 71, 76; L Farquet, 78, 71. 148: M Garner, 73, 75; V Marvin, 78, 70; A Nicholas, 77, 71; S Moonarah, 73, 75; J Connachan, 75, 73. 149: S Moon (US), 73, 76, S Van Wyk (SA), 73, 74; C Waste, 74, 75; S Gronberg (Swe), 77, 72; F Descampe (Bel), 72, 77, F Dassu (It), 68, 81.

BASEBALL
NORTH AMERICA: National League: New York Mets 1, Montreal Expos 0; San Diego Padres 2, Los Angeles Dodgers 0; Pittsburgh Pirates 4, Philadelphia Phillies 2; Houston Astros 9, Cincinnati Reds 3. American League: New York Yankees 7, Toronto Blue Jays 3; Boston Red Sox 2, Milwaukee Brewers 0; Texas Rangers 2, Detroit Tigers 1; Kansas City 4, Baltimore Orioles 3; Cleveland Indians 3, Minnesota Twins 1; Oakland A's 5, Seattle Mariners 4.

SPEEDWAY
BRITISH LEAGUE: Sheffield 45, Oxford 45; Ipswich 52, Belle Vue 38.

SHOOTING
SYDNEY: Florence Fergusson Cup women's match: Rifle: 1, Australia, 972; 2, Great Britain, 957; 3, New Zealand, 859. British individual: J Messer and T Fitzsimons, 197; I Rowley, 193; M Anderson and B Moore, 190.

SKIING
ALPE D'HUEZ, France: British slalom championships (after two runs): 1, V Scott (GB), 91.65sec; 2, C De Pourtales (GB), 92.28; 3, I Grant (GB), 93.15; 4, J Johnston (NZ), 94.91; 5, V Macdonald (GB), 96.71.

ICE HOCKEY
NORTH AMERICA: Stanley Cup play-off (best-of-seven series): Patrick division: New Jersey Devils 6, New York Islanders 5 (New Jersey win 4-2); Washington Capeals 7, Philadelphia Flyers 2 (series tied 3-3). Adams division: Montreal Canadiens 2, Hartford Whalers 1 (Montreal win 4-2); Boston Bruins 5, Buffalo Sabres 2 (Bruins win 4-2). Norris division: Detroit Red Wings 5, Toronto Maple Leafs 3 (Detroit win 4-2).

YACHTING
LA TRINITE SUR MER: Trophy des Multicoques: Class 1: 1, Jet Services (S Madec); 2, Sasb Turbo (S Boutchier). Class 2: 1, Fujicolor (M Birch); 2, Fleury Michon (P Poupon); 3, Lalande Mont St Michel (O Moussy); 4, Bf Aquitaine (J Maurel); 5, Lada Poch (L Peyron); 6, Sebago (P Steggal).

FOOTBALL
SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Distillery 0, Newry 2.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Grimsby 1, Bradford 2; Huddersfield 0, Derby 6; Nottingham Forest 0, Sheffield Wednesday 3; Sheffield United 0, Everton 0.
SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Charlton 3, West Ham 2.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Leyton-Wingate 0, Kingstonian 1; Tooting and Mitcham 0, Carshalton 0. First division: Wembley 2, Chesham 1.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Presidents Cup: First round: South Liverpool 2, Southport 3. Premier division: Worksop 1, Barrow 0.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Worcester 1, Bedworth 0.
LONDON SENIOR CUP: Semi-final replay: Hampton 1, Bromley 0.
FA YOUTH CUP: Semi-final, first-leg: Doncaster 1, Tottenham 1 (agg 3-2).
GREENE KING SPARTAN LEAGUE: First division: Phoenix Sports 3, Chigwell Police 2.
BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Fourth division: Halifax Town 1, Leyton Orient 0.



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Opening fixture offers a chance for early risers

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

Launching the cricket season in mid-April is rather like opening a pub at four in the morning. Not everyone is ready to grasp the opportunity. This year, the unusually early start is clumsily close to a prolonged tour which ended barely three weeks ago. And yet there are reasons other than the recent dry spell for regarding today's events at Lord's as both attractive and important.

In terms of winning and losing, the fixture between MCC and the champion county, Nottinghamshire, is of low priority. In this, of all summers, however, it is the biggest match some of its participants will ever have played, as it represents the closest England's selectors come, these days, to an authentic Test trial.

The MCC team is not chosen by Peter May's panel but their influence is acknowledged. Although none of those picked was on the post-Christmas tour to New Zealand, all but one still have realistic ambitions at the highest level and, with serious queries over so many of the current England team, this three-day match (which has Sunday play for the first time) is a chance to go to the head of the waiting list.

The exception, of course, is Graeme Hick. To many, he alone will be worth the admission money this weekend, despite the fact that he is not eligible to play for England until 1991. After amassing almost 3,000 runs in all county cricket last year, he had such a striking first winter in New Zealand that the provincial captains voted him their batsman of the year. For good measure, he also scored the small matter of 146 against England.

Of more immediate interest to the selectors, however, will be the performances of Matthew Maynard, the most exciting stroke player to emerge from Wales in many a year; Richard Williams, one of few plausible alternatives for John Emburey's position; Gladstone Small, whose fitness has been uncertain for too long; and Jack Russell, surely the heir-apparent to the England wicketkeeping gloves.

There are others, too, for whom success here would be opportune and the game provides a fascinating chance to compare opening batsmen. MCC field Graeme Fowler, back at his best with 1,689 runs for Lancashire last year, and Tim Curtis, who scored almost as many for Worcestershire.

Nottinghamshire, of course, have Chris Broad, who may be considered one of the few certainties to start the series against West Indies, and Tim Robinson, who has the challenging task of replacing Clive Rice as captain.

It is no secret that Broad would have liked this job. It is also no secret that the Nottinghamshire public has grown familiar with success and will not lightly accept cheap substitutes. Put the components together and it can be seen that the champions, minus Rice and Richard Hadlee, are in for a season to test character as much as ability.

Nottinghamshire have been able to name a full strength team, Kevin Cooper having recovered from a broken leg suffered playing football. Franklyn Stephenson, the Barbadian charged with heavy responsibility in the absence of the departed legends, will bat at six and bowl in a four-man seam attack.

Most eyes, however, will be on the MCC players, led by the engaging Mark Nicholas. They are all aware that it is only a month before yet another international series is underway. It is a chance too good to miss.

● Chris Broad, the Nottinghamshire and England opening batsman, yesterday received a £500 award from Cornhill Insurance, who sponsor Test matches in England, for scoring centuries in each of the three countries toured in the winter. Graham Dilley, of Worcestershire, also won £500 for shouldering the responsibility of spearhead bowler.

The Oval set to be saved for Tests

By John Goodbody

The Oval is set to be saved as a Test match ground. Surrey county cricket club is close to announcing a £5.5 million deal, including a £2 million sponsorship from a brewery company, to erect a new stand incorporating a sports centre in the south west corner of the ground.

Last September Surrey warned that if the stands were not built then The Oval would be lost as a Test match ground in the 1990s because its facilities were no longer adequate. Derek Newton, the club chairman, said yesterday: "We are hoping to conclude a deal in the next two days. We may have to call a special general meeting of the members to get their blessing."

The breakthrough in securing the future of The Oval has been for the sponsors to give more than the £1.25 million that they originally offered towards the project.

The rest of the money will come from the Ken Barrington appeal fund, which has raised £3 million and also from Lambeth borough council which has committed £250,000 and the sports council £150,000. The proposed building on five floors includes a sports centre, primarily but not entirely devoted to cricket, with changing, catering and injury treatment rooms. There will be seating for members and the general public with refreshment bars, hospitality boxes, changing rooms and a dining room for the players, a press box and scoreboard.

The project which has the support of the Duchy of Cornwall, who are the landlords, and Lambeth Borough Council, who has given planning permission, was originally the centre of controversy because the Government declined to give a grant for it.

● Prospective members of MCC face a wait of between 30 and 40 years, with 13,452 applicants on the waiting list for some 200 places on offer each year. In an effort to reduce the gap between applying to become a member and joining the near 20,000-strong club, MCC is considering asking candidates on the waiting list to lodge a registration fee, which, if approved by the members, will be set at half the annual £70 subscription and will be deducted from the entrance fee.

Pakistan brave fiery attack

From Richard Streeton, Port of Spain

An invaluable eighth-wicket stand between Salim Malik and Saleem Yousuf took Pakistan closer to the West Indies' first innings total of 174 than seemed likely at one time when the second Cable and Wireless Test match continued here yesterday. By lunch Pakistan were 139 for seven, with Malik 46 not out and Yousuf 29 not out.

They had to survive a fiery assault from Marshall and Benjamin but grew in confidence when Ambrose and Walsh were unable to pose the same threat. Fifteen minutes before the interval Hooper's off-breaks were tried for the first time and brought much-needed variety. By lunch Malik and Yousuf had put on 71 in 18 overs together.

These two came together after Ijaz Ahmed and Imran Khan were soon dismissed. Marshall and Benjamin retained maximum pace as they bowled unchanged through a tense first hour. Ahmed went in the day's second over. Yousuf twice drove fours against Benjamin between mid-off and extra cover. Yousuf was fortunate when he edged Marshall, and Dujon got the ball low down in his right glove but could not complete the catch.

Salim Malik edged Marshall for four between third slip and gully and the score reached 100 in the 33rd over. West Indies bowled 12 overs in the first hour before Ambrose and Walsh shared the attack after the drinks break.

Marshall's six overs brought him one for 17 and Benjamin's one for 23. Generally, the West Indians bowled a much fuller length than they did at Georgetown in the first Test and looked all the better for it.

WEST INDIES: First Innings

C G Greenidge c Ahmed b Imran	1
D L Haynes lbw b Akram	17
R B Richardson c Qadir b Akram	42
A L Logie c Miandad b Qadir	18
†I V A Richards c Miandad b Qadir	49
C L Hooper c Yousuf b Qadir	0
†P J L Dujon c Yousuf b Imran	24
M D Marshall not out	10
E L C Ambrose lbw b Imran	4
W K M Benjamin b Qadir	0
C A Walsh b Imran	5
Extras (lb 2, nb 2)	4
Total	174

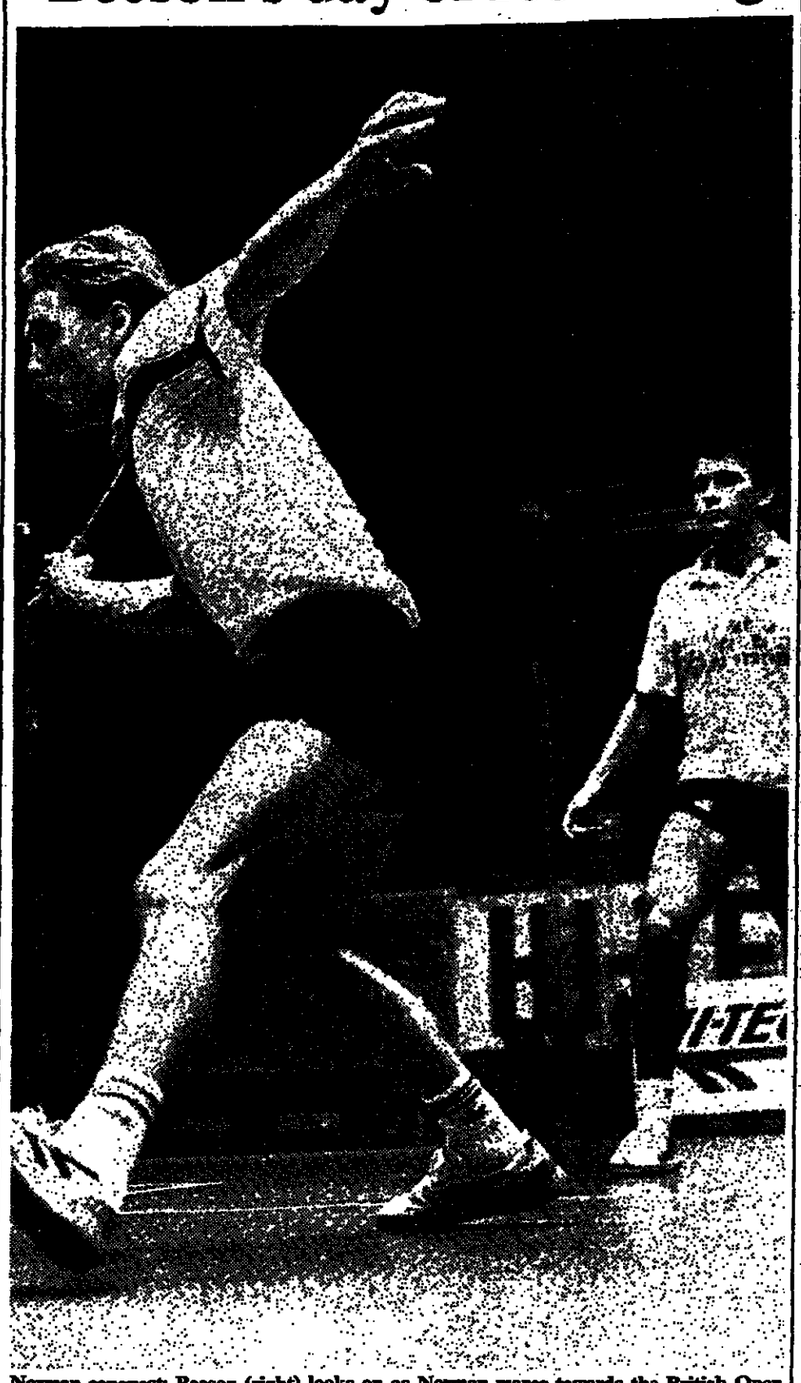
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-25, 3-80, 4-89, 5-89, 6-147, 7-157, 8-168, 9-157.
BOWLING: Imran 16.3-2-38-4; Akram 14-4-35-2; Faqih 3-0-13-0; Mudassar 1-0-3-0; Qadir 19-2-83-4.

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Mudassar Nazar c Haynes b Marshall	14
Ramiz Raja c Richardson b Marshall	1
Shoaib Moh'd c Richards b Ambrose	12
Javed Miandad b Benjamin	18
Ijaz Faqih c Richards b Benjamin	0
Salim Malik not out	38
Ijaz Ahmed c Logie b Benjamin	3
Imran Khan c Logie b Marshall	4
†Saleem Yousuf not out	20
Salim Malik not out	46
Saleem Yousuf not out	29
Extras	12
Total (7 wkts)	139

Wasim Akram and Abdul Qadir to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-25, 3-46, 4-49, 5-50, 6-62, 7-68.
Umpires: L H Barker and C E Cumberbatch.

Beeson's day of reckoning



Norman conquest: Beeson (right) looks on as Norman moves towards the British Open squash quarter-finals (Photograph: Hugh Routledge). Report, page 41

Hoch inches ahead but Lyle is the man to beat

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

Scott Hoch established the early half-way lead in the MCI Heritage Classic with a second round of 66 on the Harbour Town course here yesterday. Hoch, aged 32, took advantage of the perfect conditions to collect five birdies in a flawless performance which gave him a 36-hole aggregate of 134, which is eight under par.

Greg Norman and Paul Azinger, who each scored 65 on Thursday to share the first round lead, were among the late starters along with Bernhard Langer, who began with a 68, and Nick Faldo and Sandy Lyle, who each took 70.

Hoch, the British Amateur Champion nine years ago, chipped to eight feet for his first birdie at the second, and he made another at the long fifth to turn in 34. His patience was finally rewarded following nine successive pars with three birdies in the last four holes. He completed his round in some style by holing from 40 feet at the 18th, the signature hole of this outstanding course, which was designed by Pete Dye in consultation with Jack Nicklaus.

Hoch said: "This is one of the best courses that we visit on the circuit. It really is in great shape this year although the greens seem to be getting smaller each year. That is one of the reasons why it is difficult to score well here and I would think that a total of around 14 under par should be good enough to win. You have to hit it straight and it benefits the guy who is striking his irons well.

"That is why Sandy Lyle has to be among the favourites. He's on a marvellous streak at the moment and I thought that his 70 in the first round was a fine score because if he was going to have a let down that is when it would have happened. This course is set up for him. He hits a one iron as far as we hit the driver and on top of that he hits it straighter. He's on a hot streak and he is the man to beat."

Norman, who has partnered Lyle in each of the first two rounds, agrees. "I've never seen Sandy so confident especially on the greens," said Norman. "Every time he bends over a ball it looks as though he is aiming at a 44 gallon drum."

There is no prouder spectator here than Alex Lyle. "I can recall Sandy saying at the age of 11 that he wanted to be like Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer," said Sandy's father. He's worked with such determination that he deserves to be the Masters Champion like them. As a kid he would practice hitting one irons off dirt for when he got into tight lies.He wouldn't go on the school ski-ing trips for fear of breaking a wrist or a leg.

"His biggest asset is obviously his patience. I drummed into him from an early age that he had to tow the line particularly on a golf course where there is no room for club throwing and tantrums.

"Even here in the condominium where we are staying he cannot stop practising. Lee Trevino taught Sandy a few years ago how to construct a mini course in the hotel room. He practices chip shots over obstacles like chairs and sofas, and he puts an ashtray down to putt into.

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	397	4	10	418	4
2	492	5	11	412	4
3	389	4	12	404	4
4	188	3	13	363	4
5	528	5	14	153	3
6	404	4	15	561	6
7	172	3	16	373	4
8	439	4	17	169	3
9	327	4	18	458	4
Out	3,346	36	In	3,311	35

Total yardage: 6,657 Par: 71

Budd's future still a matter for conjecture

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

The International Athletics Federation and representatives of the British Amateur Athletics Board shuttled to and fro from conference rooms to fourth floor suites of the Park Lane Hotel in Central London yesterday, attempting to reach some decision on Zola Budd's future. After nine hours of deliberations they failed to come to a decision and will reconvene this morning.

Tony Ward, the British Board spokesman, led the posse of the world's Press disturbing the hotel guests to expect a decision around midday. He made a similar brief statement at 6 p.m. And still nothing was forthcoming, except the product of interminable high teas and the pleasant strains of a piano echoing through the plush hotel tea room.

Budd, accompanied by John Bryant, her latest coach and advisor, arrived at the Park Lane Hotel an hour later than had originally been demanded by the IAAF. But the morning session of the council was apparently taken up with discussions on Sandra Gasser, the Swiss athlete who is taking her appeal over a drugs suspension to the High Court in London on Monday.

Although Budd had supplied an affidavit to the IAAF, outlining that she had not competed in a meeting in Brakpan, Transvaal, last June, it was widely expected that she would be called upon to give evidence directly to the Council. But that did not happen. Instead, Ewan Murray, the chairman of the BAAB, and Mike Farrell were used as intercedents, making trips back and forth from the Council room to Budd's suite. After two trips, nothing had ensued, and the possibility was raised that it may even go into the second session of the Council today.

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The Independent Television van parked on double yellow lines throughout the morning in otherwise traffic-blocked Piccadilly was, at first, the only sign of what was happening inside the hotel. Then three anti-apartheid demonstrators, evidently even later out of bed than Budd, turned up to voice their disapproval. But even they disappeared when the rain started.

The official shunting indicated that some sort of horse trading was going on, suggesting that those who had predicted a definite period of suspension for Budd were probably closer to the mark than those with the opposite polls of life suspension or acquittal for Budd to run immediately.

Ireland turn down South Africa plea

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

There was bad news and good yesterday for the South African Rugby Board (SARB), who hope to raise an international party to visit the republic in August. The Irish Rugby Football Union (IRFU) have followed Wales in turning down the SARB's request for players, but the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) decided that invitations will be forwarded.

The IRFU decided, at a special meeting in Dublin, not to grant the SARB request to invite players, though they did not embroider their statement any further. This will have brought pleasure to Dick Spring, the Irish Labour Party leader and former international, who had earlier urged the union to oppose the tour.

It will also erase the threatened possibility of demonstrations by the Irish anti-apartheid movement at the Dublin Millenium match between Ireland and England on April 23, though whether that, or the prospect of government disapproval, weighed heavily with the IRFU is open to doubt.

England have already agreed to dissuade players from accepting invitations, though they will not ban them from going, while Scotland consider any South African requests on April 29. Such a generally negative attitude will dismay the South African authorities, even though the ARU re-affirmed their original policy yesterday.

John Dedrick, the ARU executive director, said players would be left to decide for themselves. "We neither support nor oppose the invitation," Dedrick said.

● The ARU will try to persuade the International Rugby Football Board to rescind the 12-week playing ban on players moving between hemispheres. They also announced a proposal to field a combined Australia-New Zealand XV against the British Lions in the final international of the 13-match tour next year and are seeking the approval of the Returned Services League to call it an Anzac XV.

Battle for top places

By Keith Macklin

While Widnes bask in the glory of the championship, other top first division clubs reach the climax of the premiership competition tomorrow.

The battle is on for top four places, which entitle the holders to home games in the first round.

St Helens have virtually clinched second place and should consolidate with a victory over relegated Swinton. Wigan, at home to another relegated club, Hunslet, would require an astronomical score to overhaul the Saints.

Bradford Northern and Leeds compete for the remaining top four place. Leeds are at Castleford and Bradford at Hull Kingston Rovers. Both Castleford and Rovers are battling for one of the lower placings.Leeds have a one-point advantage.

Halifax, the challenge cup finalists, are by no means certain to compete in the premiership, and could fall out of the top eight if they lose at Salford, where the home side need just a draw to avoid relegation. If Leigh are to stay up, they must winat home to Hull, and Salford must lose.

Convictions throw new light on Glasgow move

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Terry Butcher and Chris Woods, convicted yesterday of causing a breach of the peace and fined £250 and £500 respectively, may now be regretting their move to Glasgow Rangers. When the accusations were levelled initially last October, they were both alarmed by the possible repercussions.

There was even a suggestion that the pair of English internationals might choose to leave the Scottish arena if the case was brought to court.

Yet their punishment would seem to be lenient. Kamara, of Swindon Town, was fined £1,200 on Thursday, for instance. He was found guilty of the more serious charge of causing physical damage to an opponent but his career would now appear to be in danger.

Butcher and Woods insist that any fixture between Rangers and Celtic is enveloped by an air of ferocious animosity. They claim that it is almost impossible not to be sucked into the malicious and emotional atmosphere.

Bobby Robson, the England manager, was still displeased by the reactions of his national representatives. He told them and Butcher in particular that he would not tolerate such behaviour in future.

But some may feel that the case, which has been allowed to drag on for some six months, should never have been debated by legal figures.

Cruyff joins Barcelona

Johan Cruyff said yesterday in Amsterdam that he had agreed to sign a one-year contract to coach Barcelona next season (Clive White writes). Reuter reported that the former Dutch international would sign in the next two weeks, thereby ending speculation that he would join Derby County.

But the name of Derby was not mentioned in the agency dispatch. Instead they said that Robert Maxwell had offered £1.88 million to Cruyff to take charge of the Dutch club Utrecht.

Cruyff, who played for Barcelona between 1973 and 1979, resigned as coach to Ajax in January

SPORT IN BRIEF

Sailors go on strike

St Louis, France — The majority of boardsailors withdrew from the speed sailing event here yesterday as a protest against the Wind Club committee's renewed resolve not to review a disputed timing.

Their grievance is that a speed of 36.35 knots, attributed to the leading competitor in the event, Reinhard Elischka of Austria, required him to have overtaken Peter Bridgman, from Britain, during his run. They are convinced that this did not happen and want Elischka's speed re-checked from the official video of the run, which has the timing superimposed on it.

Aids meeting

The Zimbabwe Boxing and Wrestling Board has convened an emergency meeting to discuss a British ban on a Zimbabwean boxer who was shown shown to be carrying the aids virus. Langton Tinago was to have met Lester Gloster, of Britain, at Peterborough, tomorrow in an eliminating bout for the Commonwealth Lightweight title.



Navratilova: title chance

Price rise

The increasing cost of policing football matches is to be passed on to supporters in the Midlands next season. Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Walsall will put up terrace prices from £3 to £4. At Aston Villa and Coventry a £3.50 minimum will go up by 50p.

Rain check

After the opening pair, Julian Wyatt and Nigel Felton, had put on 80 Somerset slumped to 114 for five in the one-day crickert match against Glamorgan at Cardiff before rain prevented further play.

Rackets upset

Robert Wakely, the Marlborough professional, and Matthew Mockridge caused an upset in the Celestion Open doubles rackets championships at Queen's Club yesterday by eliminating the third seeds, Mark and Paul Nicholls. They will now meet William Boone and Randall Crawley, the second seeds, in this morning's semi-final.

Wilkie's bid

The former Olympic swimming champion, David Wilkie, aged 34, who has regained his amateur status, confirmed yesterday that he will take part in the British trials for this summer's Games in Seoul, in Leeds from July 27 to 31, although he does not think he can regain Olympic standard by then.

Graf absent

Ivan Lendl and Martina Navratilova will head the men's and women's fields in the 45th Italian tennis Open. With Steffi Graf deciding not to compete Navratilova has a fine chance of winning the title for the first time.

Handbook for drug cheats out of date

By John Goodbody

A booklet entitled *Drug testing....So What !!! How to beat the Test* is being circulated in Britain. The author is Tony Fitton, a former member of Britain's powerlifting team, who three years ago pleaded guilty to charges of smuggling anabolic steroids into the United States.

Ron Pickering, the BBC television commentator, who has sent a copy to the Sports Council, said yesterday: "There are copies of this booklet around in this country, which provides further evidence about the extent of the problem of drug taking in sport."

The booklet, which costs £3.50, claims: "Methods of beating the drug tests are being used today. These methods are not a theoretical possibility but a reality."

Among its chief recommendations are: any preparation should be injected into the muscle and not fat deposits; diuretics should be used to dilute urine below the detection limit; and the taking of testosterone, a widely used male hormone which has a strong anabolic action, should be stopped at least three weeks before a test.

However, Dr David Cowan, associate director of the Drug Control Centre at King's College, London University, said: "People are being misinformed. Any sportsmen and women, who take advice from this booklet, will be caught for misusing drugs.

"Although the use of diuretics makes it more difficult to identify proscribed drugs, nevertheless we can still detect them," he explained. Diuretics themselves will also be banned by the IOC from the Seoul Games

Pickering says that there remains the problem of new drugs, which have yet to be identified and banned. Four days ago he spoke by telephone to David Jenkins, who is waiting for sentence in California after pleading guilty to being part of a ring smuggling anabolic steroids into the United States.

Pickering said: "Jenkins told me about the range of drugs now available. It is all much more sophisticated than we thought."

De Savary to have boat ready for cup

By Barry Pickthall

Britain is back in the America's Cup. That was the assumption yesterday after Peter de Savary's Blue Arrow syndicate called the bluff of the San Diego Yacht Club by accepting its offer, made in the New York Supreme Court in February, that the British could compete for the cup only if it were raced for this September.

Blue Arrow lost its case last week to have the series delayed for 10 months to allow time for potential challengers, including Alan Bond, of Australia, to build yachts, but yesterday de Savary informed the Californian club that he would have a 90-foot waterline monohull built in time.

The completed boat, which will be similar in size to New Zealand's 123ft radical challenger launched last month, will be flown to San Diego in August. Blue Arrow's design team began work on her soon after Michael Fay first challenged the Americans in their super-maxi last July.

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